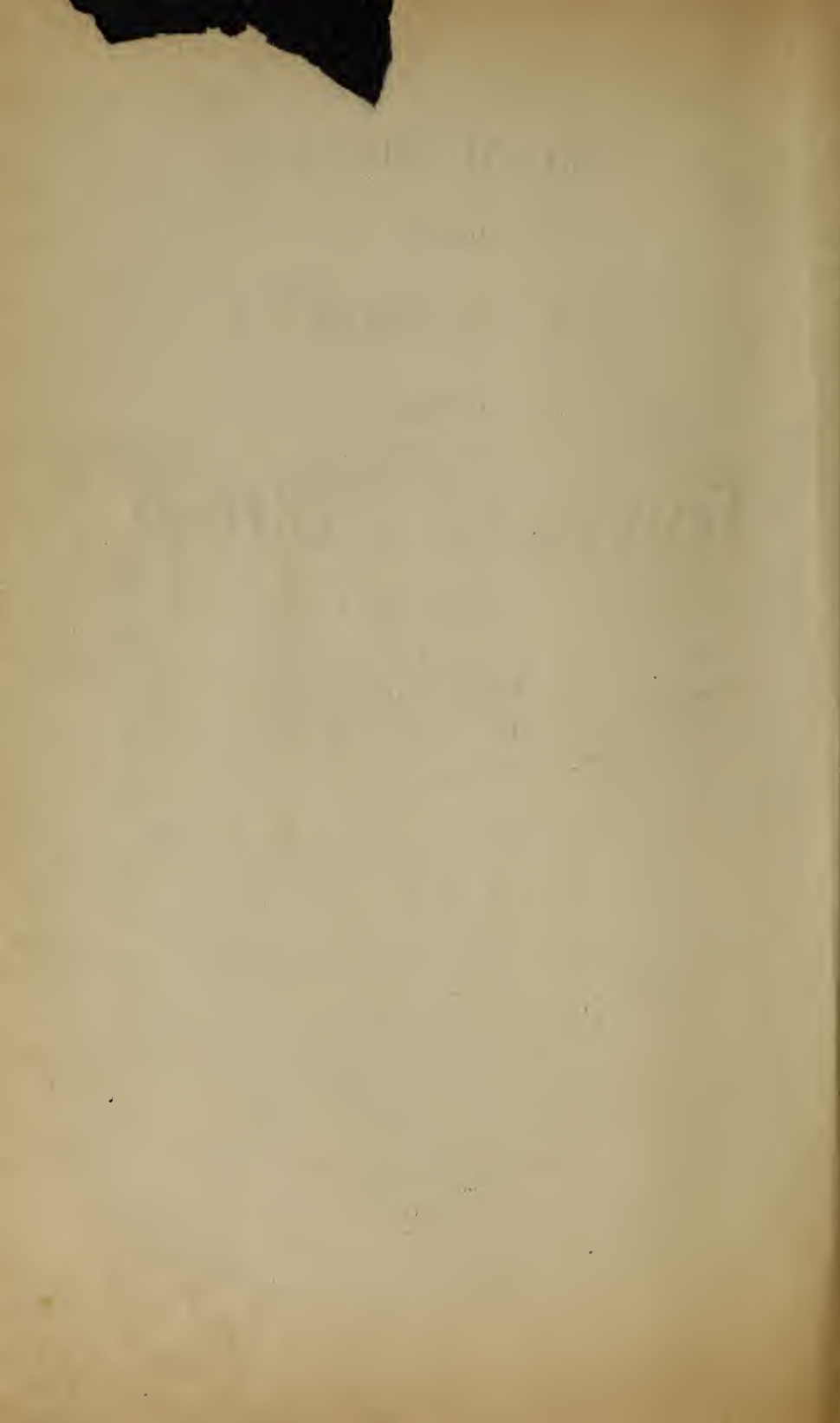


ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE  
Town of Palmer

AND OF THE  
Receipts and Expenditures for the Year  
Ending December 31, 1924

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PALMER REGISTER, Inc.  
Palmer, Mass.  
1925



# Town Officers—1924

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## Selectmen

WILLIAM B. KERIGAN, Chairman

FRANK G. ROGERS

CHARLES A. CALLAHAN

## Assessors

CHARLES O. MURPHY, Chairman      Term expires 1925

CHARLES E. FULLER      Term expires 1926

DANIEL V. FOGARTY      Term expires 1927

## Overseer of the Poor

PATRICK H. McKELLIGOTT,

Chairman

Term expires 1926

CHARLES GIROUX, M. D.

Term expires 1927

THOMAS W. MANSFIELD

Term expires 1925

## Town Clerk, 3 Years

JOHN F. FOLEY

Term expires 1927

## Town Treasurer, 1 Year

ROBERT L. McDONALD

## Collector of Taxes, 1 Year

JOHN T. BROWN

## Road Commissioners

THOMAS J. MORAN, Chairman      Term expires 1925

CHARLES A. TABOR      Term expires 1927

JOHN J. CONWAY      Term expires 1926

## License Commissioners

OSCAR BRESSETTE

MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN

NEIL McDONALD

**Auditors**

FRANCIS C. HORGAN                      HOWARD S. CURTIS  
ROBERT J. WILDER

**Constables**

MICHAEL COLLINS                      BURT S. COLLIS  
JAMES H. McGEACHEY              DAVID RITCHIE  
LOUIS N. PERO

**Tree Warden**

JAMES H. McGEACHEY

**Fence Viewers**

LOUIS G. BARKER                      P. M. SHEARER

**Field Drivers**

M. SCOTT FRENCH                      SIMEON H. DUPUIS

**School Committee**

HAROLD M. PARSONS, Chairman	Term expires 1927
JOHN F. ROCHE, D. D. S.	Term expires 1927
CHARLES GIROUX, M. D.	Term expires 1926
GEORGE L. WARFIELD	Term expires 1926
JOHN F. SHEA	Term expires 1925
JEREMIAH J. KELLY	Term expires 1925

**Board of Health**

JACOB P. SCHNEIDER, Chairman	Term expires 1925
M. WILLIAM HOLDEN	Term expires 1926
WILLIARD C. HITCHCOCK	Term expires 1927

**Cemetery Commissioners**

ALDEN P. KNOWLTON	Term expires 1925
DAVID L. BODFISH	Term expires 1926
ALBERT S. GEER	Term expires 1927



# Town Clerk's Report

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## RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1924

Number of Births,	340
Deaths,	119
Marriages,	92
Chattel Mortgages,	12
Discharge of Mortgages,	3
DOGS	
Total Number,	506
Males and spayed females,	446
Females,	60
Paid County Treasurer,	\$1090.80

## VITAL STATISTICS

The attention of parents and others is called to the following Vital Statistics. It is important that these records should be correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Town Clerk will deem it a favor to have the same reported to him at once and he will make the corrections in accordance with the law. Parents should also know that a proper return of Birth is made, as it may be of great importance in after life.

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## BIRTHS

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
January		
1	Clara May Rouvellat,	Edmund S. and Edith
2	Stanislaw Pawloski,	Stanislaw and Emilia
3	Wladyslawa Pisarczyk,	Wloidyslaw and Mary
3	Leo C. Benge,	Henry and Antoinette
4	Alice R. Kowalek,	Chester and Veronica
4	Maynard R. Lefevre,	Romeo and Fanny L.

## DATE NAME OF CHILD

## NAME OF PARENTS

5 Raymond W. Brothers,  
 6 Leonard LeBlanc,  
 8 Erwin E. Fuller,  
 9 Doris A. Gilinas  
 10 Claire L. Babin,  
 10 Frank Kaluski,  
 10 Irene P. Henrichon,  
 11 Reta Smith,  
 12 Francis Barton,  
 12 Adelaide C. Norton,  
 13 Franciszek A. Labuz  
 16 Miedslaw Palka,  
 16 Robert Coolong,  
 16 Marie Gagliardi,  
 17 Elaine S. Fenton,  
 20 Jozef Lewiński,  
 20 Alvin C. Brown,  
 22 \_\_\_\_\_  
 24 Ethel V. Cromwell,  
 25 Mildred I. Jones,  
 25 Mitchell Kulig,  
 26 Austin W. Carpenter,  
 30 Mieczysław J. Swoli,  
 31 Gertrude May Cole,

William and Eva  
 Orville and Dora  
 Arthur L. and Laura D.  
 David and Antoinette  
 Alcide and Maxima  
 Frank and Annie  
 Leo and Ida  
 Clarence and Josephine  
 E. Robert and Lelia  
 Harold E. and Laura  
 Francis and Louise  
 Wladyslaw and Apolonia  
 Lawrence and Lucio  
 Louis and Delia  
 Ernest W. and Henrietta  
 Jan and Apolonia  
 William A. and Frances E.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Walter A. and Evelyn  
 Oscar K. and Marion L.  
 Thomas and Felicia  
 Ernest and Marion  
 Peter and Solomea  
 Isaac and Elizabeth

## February

2 Zigmund Roszka,  
 2 Shirley Christianson,  
 3 Nellie Miga,  
 4 Valentina Costa,  
 4 Stanisława, Kulis,  
 4 Joseph Golas,  
 4 Lester W. Goodreau,  
 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
 7 Joseph R. Paquette  
 7 Wiktorya Wienczura,  
 9 Alice E. Wood,  
 10 Gladys E. Collins,  
 11 Mary E. Moduk,  
 11 Agnes A. Martijn,  
 12 Clara Defchino,  
 15 Gilbert T. Geer,  
 16 Marya Pobeigo,

Zigmund and Teofila  
 Henry and Nora  
 Jozef and Annie  
 Valentine and Mary  
 Jozef and Rosalie  
 Franciszek and Theophila  
 Joseph P. and Aurore  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Almanzar and Amanda  
 Antoine and Annie  
 Everett J. and Lois H.  
 Edward M. and Denige E.  
 Michael and Rose  
 David and Isabelle  
 Antoni and Victoria  
 Everett A. and Alice E.  
 Stanislaw and Rosalia

## DATE NAME OF CHILD

20 John Szuba,  
 21 Helen Kulig,  
 21 Amelia Kartzcomski,  
 23 Sherwood W. Smith,  
 24 \_\_\_\_\_  
 24 Delema Raymond,  
 25 George E. Burford,  
 26 Veronica Gozdur,  
 26 Lillian M. Jackson,  
 26 Arthur W. McKenzie,

## NAME OF PARENTS

Jan and Anna  
 Pawell and Katarzyna  
 Wojciech and Helena  
 Moses and Annie  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Frederick and Flora  
 George and Gladys  
 Antoni and Mary  
 Emmett and Irene  
 Robert A. and Salome

## March

1 Edward Koska,  
 2 Nora E. Mikna,  
 3 Nicholas Nelson,  
 3 Carolyn L. Young,  
 3 Dorothy M. Sargent,  
 4 Wirtorya Baczek,  
 5 Mary Livingston,  
 5 Norma Ulrick,  
 5 Alice S. Brow,  
 6 Mando Lenard,  
 8 Dolores P. Charbonneau,  
 8 Alice C. Doyle,  
 13 Vanda Borenski,  
 14 Evelyn L. Davis,  
 14 Dorothy L. Fanning,  
 14 Stephanie Niemiec,  
 15 Raymond Lehtines,  
 16 Paul Bowler,  
 20 Doris S. Chabot,  
 20 Wladyslaw Szumiel,  
 20 Josie Dragon,  
 21 Frank Lachwoski,  
 23 Harris R. Nichols,  
 24 Thomas Sullivan,  
 24 Paul B. Swboda,  
 27 Stephanie Lech,  
 28 Helen F. Kowalczyk,  
 29 Raymond Bacon,

Stanley and Regina  
 Michael and Emma M.  
 Nicholas and Ida  
 Richmond E. and Helen L.  
 John and Anna  
 Franciszek and Theresa  
 Byron and Clara  
 Edgar S. and Clara E.  
 Francis and Nellie  
 Romeo and Enas  
 Eugene and Dorilda  
 William J. and Helen C.  
 Joseph and Karolina  
 Walter O. and Ruth E.  
 John J. and Eva  
 Michael and Mary  
 Hugo and Margaret  
 Michael and Lucy  
 William and Aldore  
 Antoni and Anasthasia  
 Peter and Katarzyna  
 Joseph and Josephine  
 Chris and Lina  
 Cornelius and Lucy  
 Louis J. and Mary  
 Franciszek and Anna  
 Anthony and Kamila  
 Charles L. and Eva

## DATE NAME OF CHILD

## NAME OF PARENTS

## April

- 8 Raymond F. Lareau,
- 3 Caroline M. Allen,
- 3 Raymond F. Moran,
- 3 Linda M. Maxwell,
- 5 Eugene R. Graveline,
- 5 Beatrice R. Brothers,
- 5 Daniel Dingman,
- 6 Herbert F. Parker,
- 8 Genovefa F. Niemiec,
- 10 Ruth V. Herrick,
- 10 John M. Duggan,
- 11 Lorraine M. Kivior,
- 11 Robert S. Forsman,
- 11 Janette Royce,
- 12 Henry R. Berry,
- 16 Francis O. Reim,
- 18 Henry W. Krol,
- 19 Mary V. Longtine,
- 20 Althea Coyer,
- 21 Joseph S. Michonki,
- 22 Wanda A. Stokosa,
- 22 Everett C. Marshall,
- 25 Richard H. Stanton,
- 26 Joseph E. A. Harnois,
- 28 Fay D. Marvin,
- 30 Boleslaw Skowron,

- Victor and Aldea
- Phillip N. and Beatrice M.
- James J. and Irene
- Oviatt L. and Lena
- Eugene and Wilda
- Arthur and Clara
- Charles F. and Mona C.
- Frederick and Ella R.
- Stanislaw and Mary
- Elton I. and Helen
- Mathew and Katharine
- Jacob and Grace
- Carl J. and Anna
- James D. and Gertrude
- Henry J. and Mary E.
- Oliver E. and Eleanore
- Joseph and Katherine
- Frank J. and Elenore C.
- Charles and Elizabeth
- Michael and Apolonia
- Jan and Zofia
- Everett C. and Pearl
- Louis and Grace
- Edward and Edwardena
- Lindley L. and Donella
- Franciszek and Marya

## May

- 1 Gloria Todd,
- 2 Marion M. Sherman,
- 2 Marya Baldyga,
- 5 Allen R. Bell,
- 6 Stanley Bosvewk,
- 6 Marjorie Bowen,
- 7 Jozef Chmura,
- 9 Claire Yargeau,
- 10 Edward H. Phaneuf,
- 11 Frank Moryl,
- 13 George Spelko,
- 14 Edwin Filer,
- 14 Custodia Desmertes,
- 15 Mary Croughwell,

- Walter J. and Mary
- Edwin D. and Nellie
- Boleslaw and Marya
- Charles W. and Mildred
- Stanley and Mary
- Oliver D. and Gertrude
- Jan and Zofia
- Pierre and Emma
- Harold and Bertha M.
- Jozef and Katarzyna
- John and Elizabeth
- Joseph and Aniela
- Manuel and Annie
- Arthur and Elizabeth

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
16	Robert E. Canning,	Ralph E. and Marjorie
16	Genovefa Lamenski,	Boleslaw and Alexxandria
17	Arthur F. Vitaris,	Arthur and Sarah
19	Kenneth R. Brown,	Thomas J. and Minnie
22	_____	_____
23	Paul W. Grady,	William H. and Gustava
24	Simone E. Paquette,	Adrien and Beatrice
24	Maurice E. Paquette,	Aurelien and Beatrice
27	Veronica Kokoszka,	Szymon and Agnes
29	Della Szardi,	Joseph and Agnes
29	Lillian G. Ains,	LeRoy and Delrose
29	Joseph A. Zebrowski,	Wojiech and Katy
30	Edward W. Mieltski,	Jan and Weronika
30	Albert Kowalik,	Joseph and Marya
30	_____	_____

## June

2	Stanislaw A. Dymak,	Anthony and Mary
3	Mary Wilk,	Adam and Agnes
3	June Dewhurst,	Theodore and Doris
4	Charles H. Smith,	Albert and Mary
5	James H. Mulvey,	James H. and Sadie
6	Thomas F. Garvey,	Michael and Mary A.
6	Phyllis E. Barton,	Raymond and Nora
6	Warren J. Ellis,	Freeman and Lena
6	Andrew Fifer,	Andrew and Rose
6	Frances T. Fountain,	Charles J. and Nellie
8	Charlotte M. Payne,	George W. and Gertrude
9	Blanche J. Gathro.	James and Hazel L.
9	Thomas Dwardshak.	William and Weronika
11	Celinda Prouty.	Frank and Celinda
12	Marie J. E. Riel,	Julien and Lina
12	Virginia R. Stevenson,	James B. and Hilda P.
15	Edward Ankiewicz,	Jan and Zofia
18	Rena M. Brothers,	Frank and Marie L.
21	Stella Banack,	Stanley and Stefania
22	John Porter,	Joseph F. and Amelia C.
22	Helen Kusek,	Albert and Mary
22	Reta C. Peno,	Louis and Cera
23	John P. L. Gravelin,	Joseph P. and Stephanina
24	John P. Reed,	John P. and Mollie A.
27	Marion J. Russell,	Joseph W. and Mildred E.



## DATE NAME OF CHILD

## NAME OF PARENTS

28 Sophie Hucks,  
 29 Beatrice M. Berriault,  
 29 Helen Latos,  
 29 Marie E. O. Beauregard,  
 30 Harry Kolodziysky,

Michael and Katherine  
 Armand and Angeline  
 Thomas and Catherine  
 Oliver and Helen  
 Andrew and Rose

## July

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Jan Papialas,  
 2 Albert Palmiere,  
 4 Grace L. Archambault,  
 7 Edward Muniec,  
 10 Jean E. Ryan,  
 12 Dorothy M. Ferguson,  
 13 Donald M. Kellough,  
 14 Gladys O. Worby,  
 17 Dorothy M. Leveille,  
 22 Helen Kusék,  
 23 Nellie Zabiski,  
 23 Annie Ciesnewicz,  
 25 Dorothy Gardner,  
 26 Michael Lakebierus,  
 27 Jennie Swiki,  
 29 Dora Comforti,  
 31 Melzslhaw Madura,  
 31 John T. Austin,

\_\_\_\_\_ **Jan and Balvina**  
 Michael and Genieve  
 William and Eva  
 Victor and Mary  
 Ralph E. and Alice D.  
**James P. and Eleanor**  
**George E. and Annie L.**  
 Leslie and Agnes  
 Frank L. and Cecile F.  
 Jan and Zofie  
 Joseph and Katie  
 Joseph and Annie  
**Clyde C. and Alice**  
 Michael and Helen  
 Joseph and Josephine  
 Bassillio and Alvida  
 Wawrzniec and Katie  
 John and Winifred

## August

4 Pauline Buynor,  
 2 Ellen Grimes,  
 2 Louis A. Matera,  
 5 Elmer Anderson,  
 6 Ellen Sablak,  
 6 Ernest E. Nadelene,  
 14 Shirley E. Hicks,  
 16 Franciszek Wos,  
 17 Jennie Stabask,  
 18 Richard Denning,  
 19 Edward H. Day,  
 19 Robert F. Yascemenski,  
 20 Joseph Midura,  
 21 Anthony C. Wasiliveski,

Benney and Pauline  
 Michael J. and Ellen  
 Wincenti and Marya  
 Antone and Anna  
 Jozef and Mary  
 Edward and Louise  
 Stanley C. and Agnes  
 Antoni and Jadwiga  
 Jacob and Teckla  
 T. Jerry and Catherine  
 Edward H. and Gladys  
 Francis and Kathleen  
 Louis and Nellie  
 Anthony and Jennie



## DATE NAME OF CHILD

## NAME OF PARENTS

22	Robert A. Stumpf,	Albert and Emma
22	Olive R. Lambert,	Gideon and Dzina
22	Ellen Kubat,	Stanislaw and Katarzyna
24	Robert E. Lever,	Jesse and Helen
25	Marion A. Pratt,	John and Eva F.
25	Rose L. Yushinski,	John and Rose
27	Andrew J. Thompson,	Andrew and Constance
27	Charles E. Murray,	Stanislaw and Agnes
29	Wanda Frydryk,	John and Julia
30	Robert Hurley,	John E. and Jane C.
30	Wladyslaw Czupryna,	Wincenty and Mary
30	Chester Machewicz,	Ludwik and Antonia
31	Celia F. Skowyra,	Joseph and Bertha
31	Veronica Gondek,	Michael and Agniska
31	Gerald J. Berthiaume,	Henry and Alma
31	Maureen A. Bouvir,	William J. and Irene
31	Walter L. Cameron,	Walter L. and Esther B.

## September

1	Sackis Shomian,	Hamazazo and Veronica
3	Edward Kirczmicz,	Albert and Julia
3	Honorata Szypowski,	Bernard and Rose
4	Rose M. Kalczynski,	Joseph and Mary
5	Robert G. Brothers,	Hector and Marie
5	James J. Connors,	John P. and Helen S.
7	Marjorie E. Rooney,	Arthur and Carrie
8	Marie C. M. Kirkland,	Charles A. and Rose D.
10	Raymond T. Avery,	George W. and Mildred G.
11	Stephen Misaaszek,	Felix and Katie
12	Jozefa M. Gongla,	John and Veronica
14	Hester L. Hanley,	Edward and Lillian M.
15	Romeo Rivers.	Romeo and Geneva
15	Winifred C. Stebbins,	Elmer M. and Virginia
15	Wladyslaw Mamulski,	Peter and Bronislaw
16	Louis Kapinos,	Lawrence and Cora
18	John Uguccione,	Joseph and Palmina
20	Rudolph Swatlawski,	Albert and Mary
20	James Oleksak,	Stephen and Sophia
22	_____	_____
22	Alice H. Wadas,	Martin and Apolonia
24	Wanda Zelago,	Lawrence and Katherine
26	Mary C. Tracy,	George W. and Catherine L.
26	Earl H. Arpin,	Azaris and Anna

## DATE NAME OF CHILD

## NAME OF PARENTS

27 Stewart I. Swaine,

Robert A. and Margaret

28 \_\_\_\_\_

30 Ralph E. Johnson,

Ralph E. and Beatrice

## October

2 Rita E. Touissant,

Peter and Cora

2 Maurice L. Chaput,

Honore and Pauline

3 Neil K. Pentland,

Howard and Roselyn W.

4 Abraham Winer,

John and Yetta

4 John J. Mullen,

John J. and Tillie

4 Frances Romaniak,

Ignacy and Elizabeth

5 Mary E. Bufidis,

Evangelos and Catherine

6 John Piechota,

John and Katy

6 Jennie Siegal,

Felix and Katie

7 Milka Mosio,

John and Katy

10 Marion M. Hall,

**Elwyn and Christine**

10 Micholos D. D'Onfro,

Joseph B. and Helen

11 William Zeukas,

William and Katie

16 Mary A. Murphy,

John L. and **Mary**

18 William E. McGrath,

William E. and Anna

18 Alice M. Kargol,

Francis and Josephine

19 \_\_\_\_\_

24 Andrew Frydryk,

Peter and Antonina

24 Earl F. Cole,

David and Eliza

27 Robert R. Conway,

John L. and Anna F.

27 George J. Boyko,

George J. and Veronica

28 Joseph Kavonian,

Joseph M. and Zarahi

28 Martha Kavonian,

Joseph M. and Zarahi

28 Evelyn P. Schulman,

Harry and Lillian E.

31 Blanche LaFranchise,

Arthur and Irene

## November

1 Norman Woodhouse,

Edwin J. and Adelaide

1 Vanda Stahlek,

Ignacy and Rose

4 Dorothy T. Witkowski,

Ignacy and Bronislawa

5 Julia Ryzak,

Joseph and Alice

10 Thomas McKee,

Thomas and Margaret

12 Frances C. Cardinal,

Frank and Mary

13 Arthur P. Gernon,

Arthur and Precilia

14 Ernest W. Belisle,

George and Elizabeth

15 Thelma E. Rogers,

Clarence and Edith

15 Isabelle Tidwell,

Hardin and Flora

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
15	Ruth Tidwell,	Hardin and Flora
18	_____	_____
19	Grace C. Adams,	George and Winifred
21	Maria F. D. Trambley,	Oscar and Maria
21	Ruth A. Berry,	James J. and Minnie
21	Janice I. Gay,	Raymond C. and Mildred
22	Raymond Scott,	Raymond and Stella
24	Eleanor R. Mitchell,	Roy H. and Milda L.
25	Elmer C. Fillmore,	Fred E. and Margaret
27	Mary Zanulewicz,	Wladyslaw and Wiktorya
28	Andrew Zolabek,	William and Agnes
	Smart,	Stephen and Mary
29	John F. Buffington,	Allen and Esther
29	Rita P. Dion,	Albert A. and Delia
30	Mary Lazenza,	Stanislaw and Katarzyna

## December

8	Alphonse Bigda,	Martin and Apolonia
11	_____	_____
11	_____	_____
12	John Gula,	Joseph and Mary
15	May L. Bacon,	Leroy and Myrtle
15	Bronislaw Gruszcynski,	Edward and Helen
15	Raymond C. Plante,	Arthur and Lillian
15	Truman W. Cahill,	Dennis and Azalle
16	Jennie Lazic,	Martin and Antonio
16	Catherine L. Booth,	Howard and Alice
16	Chester L. Smola,	Paul and Honorata
17	Shirley Hurley,	Joseph P. and Margaret
18	Edith D. Yell,	James and Edith M.
18	Ruth S. Keith,	George H. and Ethel H.
24	Wladyslaw Slozak,	Peter and Agnieska
25	Walter Santos,	Antony and Albertina
25	Franciszek Kulig,	Thomas and Felixia
27	Alice Osowski,	Stanley and Julia
27	Joyce Kempton,	Reginald C. and Odna
28	Rhea H. Lamb,	Harold F. and Harriett M.
28	Omer P. Potvin,	Leo and Aldona
30	Eva E. Clark,	Walter and Susie
28	Elinor Shea,	Daniel and Delia

## MARRIAGES

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
<b>January</b>				
1	Thomas J. Crowley,	Palmer	Effie L. Kathin,	Brimfield
5	Frederick A. Upham,	Palmer	Anna E. Gill,	Springfield
7	Romauld Skatikas,	Palmer	Stanislaa Topor,	Palmer
12	Edward H. Day,	Palmer	Gladys F. Dushuttle,	Lynn
26	James Gathro,	Palmer	Hazel L. Walder,	Palmer
28	Adelard F. Viens,	Holyoke	Melina (Palin) Hebert,	Palmer
31	James C. Bolger,	Wilbraham	Mary L. O'Connor,	Wilbraham
<b>February</b>				
5	Charles J. Kenyon,	Palmer	Margaret E. White,	Ware
7	Harold C. Tubbs,	Monson	Margaret Calderwood,	Palmer
9	Clifton H. Hobson,	Palmer	Pearl May Smith,	Springfield
11	Stanislaus Steczkiewicz		Mary Rutkowski,	Palmer
		Worcester		
19	Peter T. Ditto,	Palmer	Eva K. Cummings,	Palmer
19	Vincenty Petroszkiewicz,		Josephine Kubacki,	Palmer
		Peabody		
25	Edward Nadolny,	Palmer	Louise H. Barber,	Palmer
<b>March</b>				
4	Michael J. Garvey,	Palmer	Mary E. Fleming,	Palmer
8	Franklin P. Smith,	Monson	Brita L. Johnson,	Palmer
14	Harry R. Pittsinger,	Monson	Ina Johnstone,	Monson
28	Raymond E. Barton,	Palmer	Nora Woodhouse,	Palmer
29	John Swanson,	Palmer	Signe Nigard,	Palmer
<b>April</b>				
10	Clifford C. Waite,	Monson	Mary E. White,	Monson
11	George S. Branford,	Palmer	Grace M. Beams,	Worcester
21	Arthur Gernon,	Palmer	Priscilla Guertin,	Ware
26	Edward C. Berry,	Palmer	Jean C. Fulton,	Palmer
26	James A. Butler,	Ludlow	Clara (Chalk) Johnson,	
				Palmer
28	James Sandy,	Palmer	Mildred Graciano,	Palmer
30	Charles F. Gill,	Palmer	May V. Rock,	Palmer

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
<b>May</b>				
3	Ernest E. Hobson,	Palmer	Hazel N. Savage,	Meriden
3	Charles L. Johnson,	Monson	Sigrid A. Christensen,	Monson
7	Hubert O. Thompson,		Elsie L. Dane,	Palmer
		Boston		
10	John W. Branford	Palmer	Elizabeth M. Hodson,	Palmer
19	George Palin,	Palmer	Eva Fahy,	Monson
19	Michael F. Punita,	Warren	Victoria Trepacz	
20	John Czesnalewicz,	Palmer	Olga (Szablinski) Hryniewicz	Palmer
26	Andrew Gwodzianski,		Apolonia (Motyka) Kolodziej	
		Palmer		Palmer
<b>June</b>				
2	John L. Tobin,	Monson	Mary (Carmody) Murphy,	
				Palmer
3	Matthew V. Horgan,	Palmer	Hazel M. Wall,	Huntington
7	James Yelle,	Palmer	Edith M. Thompson,	Palmer
14	Clarence R. Camp,	Palmer	Florence M. Brook,	Springfield
16	John L. Conway,	Palmer	Annie M. Flint,	Palmer
17	John Mastalerz,	Palmer	Sophia Koziol,	Palmer
19	Otis L. Mason,	Palmer	Ella E. Olson	
23	Stanley Jasak,	Palmer	Mary C. Kusza,	Palmer
23	Leo Potvin,	Palmer	Aldona Ains,	Palmer
23	John Wengierak,	Palmer	Catherine (Szurek) Moskal	
				Palmer
24	Stephen Matera,	Palmer	Any (Izyk) Marcinick,	Palmer
30	Frank Draghetti,	Agawam	Mary Cascella,	Palmer
<b>July</b>				
4	Ned Frank Brown,	Palmer	Catherine Chalmers,	Palmer
15	John F. Sullivan,		Dorina Sullivan,	Belchertown
		Belchertown		
23	Daniel W. Harrington,		Mary M. Cavanaugh,	Palmer
		Palmer		
26	Leo Richard,	Palmer	Cora E. Austin,	Palmer
26	James P. Cormack,		Florence M. Healey,	Palmer
		Wilbraham		



Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
August				
2	Raymond Converse,	Wales	Elijabeth C. Shanley,	Palmer
5	Charles E. Cohen		Ethel F. Morris,	
		Woonsocket, R. I.		Woonsocket, R. I.
9	Alden L. Waite,	Palmer	Olga E. Worby,	Palmer
11	Vernon Simmington,		Agnes I. Mahoney,	Palmer
		Palmer		
12	Andrew Krawiec,	Palmer	Catherine Gesiak,	Palmer
12	Milton G. Griffin,	Palmer	Margaret M. Shea,	Palmer
14	Shaw Cooke,	Hartford, Ct.	Hannah Best,	Palmer
17	Demetrios Papodemetrios		Sofia Papadopolou,	Haverhill
		Palmer		
18	James M. Murphy,	Palmer	Kathryn Duffy,	Palmer
19	Francis D. Champion,	Ware	Mary Gertrude Hartnett,	
				Palmer
26	Ladislaus Nowak,	Ware	Helen Wasczuk,	Palmer
29	Edwin F. Fenton,	Brimfield	Margaret T. Chalmers,	
				Brimfield
September				
1	Matteo Simone		Mary Panni,	Palmer
		Providence, R. I.		
9	David Webster, Jr.,	Ludlow	Helen K. Anderson,	Ludlow
15	Arthur R. Marcy,	Palmer	Effie D. Blodgett,	Palmer
20	Earl Miller,	Warren	Evelyn Stevens,	Palmer
29	Ladislaus Kaczowski,		Helena Kuznier,	Palmer
		Stamford, Conn.		
29	Walter J. Phaneuf,	Palmer	Mary Karlon,	Palmer
30	Edward Wilk,	Palmer	Julia Koziol,	Palmer
October				
6	Charles A. Derosier,		Mary R. Lord,	Palmer
		Keene, N. H.		
11	William Babcock		Lorene Favro,	Palmer
		Montville, Conn.		
13	Antoni Koziol,	Hardwick	Tekla (Pilch) Guter,	Palmer
14	Charles F. Hopfe,	Palmer	Kathryn M. Lesniak,	Palmer
18	Jack W. Eaton,		Lillian W. Kempton,	Palmer
		Hartford, Conn.		
18	Allen R. Fuller,	Palmer	Mildred M. DuBois,	Lowell
21	Albert A. Keroack,		Anna M. Shea,	Belchertown
		Belchertown		



## November

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
1	Joseph R. Russell,	Boston	Oleanna Beauregard,	Palmer
8	Robert L. Smith,	Bridgeport, Conn.	Katherine Brooks,	Palmer
10	John Yascenski,	Palmer	Josephine Coman,	Palmer
17	Martin Gwozdz,	Palmer	Mary Mazearz,	Chicopee
19	Arthur Levene,	Palmer	Emma Gallant,	Palmer
24	John Wosik,	Palmer	Sophie Mikula,	Palmer
24	Oscar Paquette,	Palmer	Elmelda Laviolette,	Palmer
25	George Magoni,	Palmer	Margaret Swain,	Palmer
27	Wayne R. Smith,	Palmer	Esther Tucker,	Palmer

## December

6	Erwin R. Wakefield,	Palmer	Beulah Grout,	Montpelier, Vt.
6	Leroy E. Bacon,	Palmer	Myrtle Bagley,	Southbridge
7	Joseph Winer,	Palmer	Emma Kingsberg,	Springfield
15	Alfred E. Wood,	Hardwick	Agnes L. Patterson,	Hardwick

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN PALMER, 1924

## January

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
1	Julia M. Shearer,	45	4	21
4	Jacinto G. Leal,	0	11	9
10	Abbie J. Brigham,	76	8	12
11	Walter J. Dunn,	10	9	13
19	Anna M. Gifford,	4	1	8
19	Vasilica Angelos,	0	7	29

## February

1	Patrick O. Murphy,	37	7	21
2	Fred A. Moore,	64	5	27
6	Still born			
8	Americo Paas,	0	5	19
9	Mary Shannon,	75	0	0
13	Fred Thompson,	65	8	6
16	Nancy E. Brown,	1	9	7
18	Josephine Viens,	80	3	25
20	Joseph Szubla,		30 minutes	

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
25	Alfred Bonneville,	60	5	12
27	Elmer E. Booth,	62	8	10
28	Zygmond Roszka,	0	0	26
29	Jane E. Roche,	76	5	20

## March

2	Sarah A. Leonard,	84	0	28
4	Helen G. Chesnelewicz,	0	7	6
10	Mary Livingston,	0	0	4
19	Nathaniel Talmadge,	88	6	2
21	Hermine Matte,	62	0	7
21	Henry C. Morgan,	76	8	11
22	George D. Summers,	27	10	10
24	Hanora Hartnett,	75	0	0
30	Andrew Sartario,	48	0	0

## April

3	John Kolodziej,	45	0	0
3	Linda M. Maxwell,		14 hours	
6	Alice M. Collis,	43	5	30
9	Francis Lareau,	0	0	6
10	Edward Rolinski,	25	5	20
16	Celina Morin,	38	10	16
16	Bristol W. A. George,	69	3	22
23	Howard Palmer,	41	3	25
24	John C. Green,	74	3	26
27	Joseph W. Rogers,		1 hour	
27	Chester Sygiel,	0	6	14

## May

3	Rose A. Genard,	67	7	12
11	Mary C. Hopkins,	70	0	0
21	Frank Howes,	74	8	12
22	Still born			
24	Frank Orlak,	0	8	1
26	Purlin M. Shearer,	74	5	24
30	Still born			
31	Edward Jajuga,	0	9	6

## June

7	Frank Cisz,	2	9	18
7	Mary Kroll,	50	6	0
8	Edward Kroll,	19	10	23

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
9	Walter S. Graham,	74	2	0
17	Gershon M. Spiegel,	32	0	0
17	Annie M. Dullahan,	57	0	10
18	Isabelle Twiss,	31	2	15
20	Marion M. Shaw,	10	4	0
21	Blanche U. Mason,	33	9	24
22	John Porter,		2 hours	
26	Imogene B. Osborne,	27	6	6

## July

1	Helen Latos,	0	0	2
3	Patrick Gildea,	65	0	0
4	James H. Mulvey,	0	1	0
4	Helen Spis,	0	6	27
6	Edward Crowley,	57	3	18
6	Maryan Suczkowski,	38	1	11
15	Dorothy M. Ferguson,	0	0	4
23	Leland Rivers,	1	4	0
25	Thomas Mendelowski,	55	0	0
25	John Kostrezba,	40	0	0
27	Sara L. Adams,	53	7	14
31	Frank L. Green,	63	0	22

## August

4	Lucy A. Hitchcock,	82	6	29
4	Ellen Sullivan,	61	4	18
4	Amanda E. Willis,	62	0	3
9	<b>Jessie Bennett,</b>	34	4	17
13	Dora E. Comforti,	0	0	16
19	Beatrice R. Brodeur,	0	4	14
21	John M. Sullivan,	28	11	29
31	Dennis Daley,	63	4	19
31	Still born			
24	James A. Smith,	65	5	12

## September

5	Mary J. Beauregard,	54	11	20
11	Stephen Misaszek,		15 minutes	
21	John Uguccioni,	0	0	3
22	Still born			
28	Still born			
30	Robert Lewis,	83	0	0

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
<b>October</b>				
5	Daniel J. Horgan,	58	5	15
6	Andrew Fifer,	0	4	0
7	Thomas J. Cleary,	75	10	27
8	Charles H. Burns,	58	0	1
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11	Michael J. Dillon,	75	0	25
12	Zofia Orluk,	6	7	20
14	Frank Moryl,	0	5	2
15	Janet McKendrick,	76	2	13
19	Still born			
26	George W. Moon,	72	8	4
<b>November</b>				
1	Abbie A. Cotton,	64	9	18
2	Norman Woodhouse,		2 hours	
5	Jennie R. Carpenter,	68	5	14
15	Caroline Langdeau,	83	0	6
18	Still born			
19	Frank Langelier,	58	11	17
21	Thomas McKee,	0	0	12
28	George W. Corey,	71	11	23
30	Gustave Eckert,	72	2	4
<b>December</b>				
2	Esther A. Graves,	75	2	0
2	Frank H. Childs,	66	9	9
6	Samuel W. MacMurray,	82	0	0
11	Mary L. Tenney,	73	8	21
11	Still born			
13	Still born			
13	Elizabeth B. Howe,	69	11	3
18	Edith D. Yell,		15 hours	
21	Fannie F. Anderson,	65	0	0
22	Walter Ankiewicz,		6	6
27	Mary Polenski,	56	0	0

JOHN F. FOLEY, Town Clerk.

# Cemetery Commissioners' Report

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The Board of Cemetery Commissioners hereby submit the following report:

The continued increase of the receipts and of the Perpetual Care fund indicate a constantly increasing interest on the part of lot owners in the care and improvement of the cemeteries of the town.

The erection of a new fence at Oak Knoll cemetery makes a decided improvement in the appearance of that tract. Trees have been planted both at Oak Knoll and Four Corners to replace those that have been removed. The water problem at Four Corners has not yet been solved and a practical solution of this question is needed in the near future.

As all receipts from the cemeteries are turned into the Town treasury, an increased appropriation is needed to enable the Commissioners to carry on the year's work:

## RECEIPTS

Appropriation,		\$3000.00	
Appropriation from C. I. Fund,		200.00	
Overdraft,		21.03	\$3221.03
Sale of lots,			
Oak Knoll,	\$320.00		
Four Corners,	33.00		
Palmer Center,	6.00		
Care of lots,	1246.75		
Grading lots,	100.75		
Opening graves,	461.00		
Foundations,	247.66		
All others,	26.00	\$2441.16	

## BILLS RECEIVABLE

R. R. Goff, 1918 grading,	\$ 5.00		
F. H. Worby, 1922 care,	2.00		
Est. Albert Marsh 1922 care,	1.00		
F. P. Carrol 1920 care,	2.00		
Mrs. W. H. Blodgett care	2.50		
E. J. Duncan care,	2.00		
Carl W. Hyland grave	5.00		
Mrs. L. W. Parkhurst grave	8.00		
C. W. Hyland lot,	24.00		
Ernest H. Carpenter lot,	24.00	\$ 75.50	\$2516.66

## EXPENDITURES

Salaries,	\$ 150.00		
Printing and Postage,	5.86		
Supplies,	119.47		
Labor,	2532.50		
Teams,	138.00		
Equipment and Repairs,	105.95		
Fertilizer,	54.60		
All others,	114.65		\$3221.03

## INVENTORY OF PROPERTY

Tool house, Oak Knoll,	\$ 75.00		
Tool house, Four Corners,	50.00		
Tools,	50.00	\$175.00	
Unsold lots at market prices:			
Four Corners, 119 @ \$8.00	\$952.00		
Oak Knoll, 4 @ 50.00	200.00		
9 @ 25.00	225.00		
102 @ 24.00	2448.00		
38 @ 20.00	760.00		
1 @ 12.00	12.00		
56 @ 1.00	56.00	4653.00	\$4828.00



## FENCE AT OAK KNOLL CEMETERY

Appropriation.	\$4300.00	
Expended:		
Contract Wickwire Spencer		
Steel Corp.	\$4127.00	
Removing fence and grading	134.00	4261.00
Balance,		\$39.00

## PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Name	Amount	Present Condition
Henry Scism,	\$ 100.00	\$ 103.32
John A. Squier,	100.00	109.32
Calista E. Henrdicks,	100.00	104.69
Laura E. Child,	500.00	518.57
Minnie K. Bennett,	200.00	210.78
Avery W. Green,	200.00	210.25
Waterman Fuller,	200.00	211.28
John and Lucy Smith,	200.00	206.25
William A. Breckenridge,	200.00	208.83
James W. Snow,	100.00	103.11
Franklin Blanchard,	100.00	104.32
John H. Haynes,	200.00	208.83
Mary A. Shaw,	100.00	103.32
Jane A. Gibson,	100.00	105.61
E. B. Gates,	200.00	207.30
Louisa M. Waid,	200.00	231.83
Amos A. Allen,	100.00	104.97
Torrey Fund,	100.00	103.90
Pliney Cooley,	50.00	51.79
Henry G. Loomis,	200.00	213.26
William Holbrook,	200.00	205.58

Name	Amount	Present Condition
Maria Lawrence,	500.00	556.71
Keyes Foster,	100.00	105.39
Harriett Coolidge,	200.00	228.96
Mrs. L. W. Brown,	200.00	246.02
Elize J. Kenerson,	200.00	211.85
William Merriam,	200.00	232.63
Mary Redding,	50.00	51.50
D. S. Davis,	200.00	209.89
Marshall Andrews,	200.00	209.00
Ambrose M. Andrews,	200.00	207.00
Enos Calkins,	100.00	103.00
Samuel C. Rogers,	200.00	210.00
Willard G. Kenerson,	100.00	103.00
Maria B. Chapman, care of G. B. lot,	100.00	106.00
Maria B. Chapman, care of S. C. lot,	200.00	212.00
Julia H. Henry,	100.00	105.00
Isaac King,	150.00	159.50
Abel H. Calkins,	100.00	105.00
Edward C. Sexton,	100.00	104.00
Henry A. Moore,	100.00	105.00
J. S. Koster,	100.00	104.00
Melissa Hall,	150.00	157.51
Jeremiah Long,	1000.00	1000.00
Mary J. Plympton,	100.00	101.00
Clymena P. Fuller,	150.00	155.50
Abigail T. Nichols,	50.00	50.50
Mary Hastings,	100.00	103.00
Orrin B. Smith, care T. B. S. lot,	100.00	104.00
Orrin B. Smith, care O. B. S. lot,	200.00	207.00
Laura P. Green,	100.00	104.00
J. H. Kenerson,	100.00	101.00
William Harvey,	150.00	159.52
Alden L. Fletcher,	60.00	63.40

**Present**  
Condition

Name	Amount	Condition
Carrie A. Kurtz,	100.00	103.00
Ralph Green,	200.00	<b>220.00</b>
Meriva L. Capen,	100.00	104.00
Minerva R. Olds,	100.00	101.00
Otis C. Lyon,	100.00	102.00
Hitchcock-Graves Fund,	100.00	103.00
Minerva M. Gates,	200.00	209.00
Rogers-Paine Fund,	150.00	152.56
Elizabeth D. Moore,	100.00	104.00
Mary E. Bailey,	100.00	105.00
M. M. Rogers,	100.00	101.00
Nellie S. Hooker,	75.00	79.01
Ethan Warriner,	100.00	101.00
Lizzie E. Fletcher,	100.00	104.00
Andrew Pinney,	100.00	123.19
Frank E. Marcy,	500.00	520.00
Thomas McDougall,	100.00	103.00
Sarah J. Winter,	200.00	206.00
Charles B. Fiske,	200.00	208.00
Minnie B. Converse,	500.00	520.00
Amelia M. Culver,	100.00	102.00
Omer W. Marcy,	100.00	102.00
Frank M. Eager,	250.00	252.52
Maria Ritchie,	100.00	102.00
Charles H. Burleigh fund, care A. B. lot,	100.00	101.00
Julia A. Burleigh fund, care B. B. lot,	100.00	103.00
C. H. and J. A. Burleigh fund, care J. W. C. lot,	25.00	25.24
Emily M. Holdsworth,	100.00	103.00
Sarah D. Smith,	100.00	104.00
Hollowell P. Marcy,	100.00	103.00
Josie M. Northrop,	300.00	319.00
Ellis and F. M. Dodge,	100.00	101.00

Name	Amount	Present Condition
William H. Osborne,	50.00	50.50
Sarah E. Ward,	50.00	50.50
George F. Sedgwick,	100.00	102.00
George H. Cobb,	50.00	51.00
B. M. Griswold,	50.00	51.00
Thomas Bruse,	100.00	101.00
H. H. Paine,	50.00	50.50
Susan M. Page,	100.00	103.00
Peebles Fund,	100.00	103.00
George F. Merrick,	100.00	103.00
Maria M. Hastings,	200.00	206.00
Walter E. Stone,	200.00	206.00
Mary A. Thayer,	50.00	52.00
Lucy M. Shaw,	100.00	103.00
Samuel Sharratt,	100.00	101.00
George Robinson,	200.00	212.00
Joseph F. Gerald,	100.00	103.00
James F. Fenton,	100.00	106.00
Liberty Jenks,	200.00	205.33
Martha J. Mooers,	200.00	202.63
Byram Woodhead,	100.00	101.45
Almenia M. Hastings,	100.00	101.45
Olava B. Fisherdict,	100.00	101.45
Austin E. Gould,	100.00	102.67
Susan Beebe,	100.00	101.67
James I. Milliken,	200.00	211.33
Christen Christiansen,	50.00	51.33
Millie G. Rose,	100.00	102.00
Mary EE. Murdock, care F. M. lot,	100.00	101.67
Mary E. Murdock. care L. B. lot,	100.00	101.67
Robert Chambers,	100.00	101.67
Josiah P. Stevens,	100.00	101.00
William B. Bennett,	100.00	101.00

Name	Amount	Present Condition
Charles W. Bennett,	100.00	101.67
Charles E. Fuller,	100.00	102.00
Calvin Childs,	100.00	103.00
Joseph A. Brown,	500.00	515.00
Sarah I. L. Snow,	50.00	52.00
Abby J. Pierce,	100.00	103.00
D. W. Taft,	75.00	82.01
Henry Graves,	50.00	50.50
Joseph V. Clark,	100.00	101.33
Frederick H. Conant,	100.00	101.33
Robert Reid,	100.00	101.33
Edwin B. Newell,	100.00	101.00
Martha A. Shaw,	211.00	222.00
August Carlson,	100.00	102.88
Elizabeth R. Macomber,	200.00	207.00
Thomas D. Frame,	200.00	205.75
Albert A. Sherman,	100.00	101.12
O. P. Allen,	100.00	101.87
Martin L. Farrington,	100.00	101.00
Charles A. Royce,	100.00	101.12
Joseph H. Jones,	150.00	150.93
Mary S. Moore,	100.00	100.62
Horace R. Paine,	50.00	50.56
Arthur W. Holbrook,	100.00	100.75
James S. Morgan,	200.00	200.00
Silas B. Keith,	100.00	100.00
James H. Davis,	100.00	100.00
George S. Peck,	100.00	100.00
Nettie O. Coleman,	50.00	50.00
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	\$20,896.00	\$21,750.10
Gain in P. C. Fund,	\$750.00	

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' INTEREST FUND

**Balance fund January 1, 1924,      \$1225.47**

**Added:**

Interest payable Secretary,	206.79
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Interest payable Town Treas., 695.28

Interest C. I. Fund,	65.81	\$2,193.35
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Withdrawn:

Care of lots,	771.00
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General care, vote of Town,	200.00	971.00
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Present condition,	\$1,222.35
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DAVID L. BODFISH,  
ALBERT S. GEER,  
ALDEN P. KNOWLTON,  
Cemetery Commissioners.



# Care of Soldiers' Graves

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To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the following report relative to the care of the graves of soldiers who have served in the wars of the United States and who are buried in the cemeteries of Palmer.

One hundred and twenty-two graves have been cared for this year. There are still some others upon which work will be done the coming spring. There is still a lack of headstones in some cases and the attention of the veteran's organizations is called to this need that their aid may be secured in procuring markers for the graves of their fallen comrades.

Appropriation,		\$250.00
Paid J. F. Foley,		
care St. Thomas' Cemetery	\$ 50.00	
Paid Cemetery Commissioners, care	169.00	219.00
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Balance,		\$31.00

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. BODFISH,

Supt. of Graves.

# Report of Committee on Memorial

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Selectmen of the Town of Palmer,  
Gentlemen:—

The committee appointed to compile the records of the men from the town of Palmer who served in the World War reports that it has obtained the records of three hundred ninety men. The records have been deposited with the clerk of the town of Palmer. A list of names of men for whom no records have been obtained but who may have served from Palmer has also been left with the town clerk for future reference.

This committee was given an appropriation of three hundred dollars. Ninety-one dollars and forty-two cents (\$91.42) has been paid to Albert E. Sargent of the Adjutant-General's Department of the Commonwealth for soldier's records. A balance of two hundred eight dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$208.58) is returned unexpended.

Respectively submitted,  
ROBERT W. BODFISH  
JOHN F. FOLEY, 2nd  
R. LEWIS THAYER, Jr.

Committee.

# Report of Chief of Police

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Palmer, Mass., January 1, 1925

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In the year 1924, 326 cases, not including cases against juvenile offenders, were prosecuted in the local district court against 288 persons for offences committed within the limits of the Town of Palmer. Of the persons brought before the court in these cases 143 were residents and 145 were non-residents, 282 were males and 6 were females. A list of the cases follows:

Adultery,	4
Assault,	21
Bastardy,	3
Carrying revolver,	4
Desertion,	2
Disturbing the Peace,	6
Drunkenness,	65
Evading car fare,	2
Fugitives from justice,	9
Hawking and Peddling,	3
Larceny,	10
Lewd and lascivious conduct,	1
Masher act,	2
Non-support,	9
Perjury,	1
Rape,	3
School laws,	1
Setting fires without permits,	2
Stubborn child,	1
Vagrants,	24
Violation of Liquor Laws,	38
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws,	114
Violation of Milk Laws,	1

The number of cases last year was 208, an increase this year of 118. During the past year the State Police Patrol has been specially vigilant upon the state highway passing through the town and its work has resulted in a large increase in cases involving violation of the motor vehicle laws, this year there having been 114 cases as against 49 last year.

The personnel of the police force has remained the same, with the exception of the addition of a new uniformed patrolman in the Depot Village. James F. Donahue was appointed by the Selectmen to the office created at the last annual town meeting and has proved himself to be a very capable officer. All the officers in the department have in my judgment performed their work faithfully and efficiently. The appointment of a day officer has made it possible for the department to afford protection to the children in crossing Park Street on their way to and from Park Street Grammar School Building.

TIMOTHY J. CRIMMINS,

Chief of Police

# Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

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For the Year Ending December 31, 1924

This department has sealed, corrected or condemned the following:

	Adjusted	Sealed	Condemned
Platform Scales over 5000 lbs.,		4	
Platform Scales under 5000 lbs.,	6	40	3
Counter Scales over 100 lbs.,	1	6	
Counter scales under 100 lbs.,	8	33	
Beam Scales over 100 lbs.,		1	
Beam Scales under 100 lbs.,	4	5	3
Spring Scales over 100 lbs.,		5	
Spring Scales under 100 lbs.,	14	45	1
Computing Scales under 100 lbs.,	5	26	1
Personal Weighing Scales,		3	
Prescription Scales,		2	
Avoirdupois Weights,	2	258	
Apothecary Weights,		40	
Metric Weights,	1	8	
Liquid Measures,		96	4
Gasoline Pumps,	15	47	12



Kerosene Pumps,	20	..
Quantity Stops,	256	
Molasses Pumps,	2	
Yard Measures,	13	
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Receipts of Office, Paid Treasury, \$88.04

LOUIS LEVEILLEE,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

# Board of Assessors

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The Board of Assessors respectfully report as follows:

Appropriations, Annual Meeting,	\$357,463.38	
Appropriations, Special Meeting,	13,511.75	
Maturing Town Debt, including interest,	33,633.82	
State Tax,	19,100.00	
State Highway Tax,	8,795.36	
County Tax,	11,283.19	\$443,787.50

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## DEDUCTIONS

Town's share liquor license fees,	\$ 4.50	
Cash Balance,	24,316.32	
Estimated Receipts,	26,208.20	
Income Merrick Fund,	38.26	
Dog Tax,	1,055.30	
State Income Tax,	24,244.26	75,866.84

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Less amount raised on 2838 polls,		\$367,920.66
		5,676.00

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		\$362,244.66
Overlay,		3,857.53

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Amount to be raised by tax on property,		\$366,102.19
Amount of Warrant, Oct. 22, 1924,	\$366,102.19	
Amount of Warrant, Dec. 22, 1924,	53.90	

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\$366,156.09

## 1924 VALUATION

Personal Estate,	\$38,867.74	
Buildings,	64,973.41	
Land,	15,023.20	\$118,864.35

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Tax Rate, \$30.80

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of residents assessed on property:			
	Individuals,	1838	
	All Others,	46	1884
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Number of Non-residentents assessed on property:			
	Individuals,	205	
	All Others,	33	238
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Number of persons assessed on property,			2122
Number of persons assessed for poll only,			1000
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Total,			3122
Number of Horses assessed,			257
	Cows assessed,		618
	Sheep assessed,		18
	Neat cattle assessed,		122
	Swine assessed,		44
	Fowl assessed,		7864
	Dwelling houses assessed,		1410

CHARLES O. MURPHY

DANIEL V. FOGARTY

CHARLES E. FULLER

Assessors.

# Road Commissioners' Report

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Palmer, Mass., January 6, 1925

To the Voters of the Town of Palmer:

The Board of Road Commissioners herewith submit their fifth Annual report for the year ending December 31, 1924.

The organization of the Board remained unchanged as follows: Thomas J. Moran, Chairman; Charles A. Tabor, Clerk; Sherman M. Stebbins' was re-appointed Superintendent of Streets.

The work of this department has been greater than in any previous year. About \$1,250 was spent in gravelling section of Pine, Foster, Squier, Knox and King streets in the Depot Village and the road from West Warren to Ware.

A location for extension of water pipes was granted J. W. Cheney in East Main street and in Palmer road, Three Rivers, as per plans submitted.

Upon petition, a hearing was held and the layout of Brown street in the Depot Village voted as per plans and description submitted. This layout was accepted by the Town at the Special Meeting held June 23, 1924.

Stone monuments have been placed in Oak street, Depot Village, defining the street bounds. There are a number of accepted streets in town that are not marked with stone bounds. We recommend a small appropriation yearly for this purpose. Oak street cost \$46.00.

The bounds of Pleasant and Foster streets in the Depot Village not being clearly defined, upon petition of Arthur D. Bramble and others, a hearing will be held

January 6, 1925 for the purpose of relocating these two streets.

### GARAGE

When your Commissioners asked for an appropriation of \$1,500.00 for an addition to the Town Storehouse for the storage of the State and Town trucks, it was supposed that this addition could be built of wood and that the appropriation would be sufficient. It was found, however, that under the laws of the Department of Public Safety, the building contemplated must be either a first or second class garage. We therefore put up a building of the second class with cement blocks, cement floor and wood roof and heated with a system of hot water radiation. The location of the building was found to be a nest of rocks and \$481.20 was spent in clearing the ground and putting in the foundation. The cost of the completed building and foundation, with Electric lights, heat and water connection is \$2,495.88. The balance of cost over appropriation has been charged to the Highway account.

### RAILINGS

An unusual amount of railing work has been necessary the past year. The appropriation of \$400.00 was exhausted early in August. Other necessary work has been done since, amounting to \$309.40 which has been charged to the Highway appropriation.

### SNOW REMOVAL

Light snowfall during January, February and March made the removal of snow comparatively easy. The State trucks and plows were taken to Springfield in May for overhauling and were returned to us in December. The cost for the year was \$1,593.17.



## BRIDGES

Our bridge appropriation of \$1,500.00 proved insufficient to meet the calls upon it and was supplemented by the Selectmen from their Reserve Fund to the amount of \$734.57.

The Burleigh bridge was stripped and replanked and the top treated with tar and gravel. The cost of these repairs not including painting, was \$735.93.

The middle pier of the Rogers bridge near West Brimfield station, required rebuilding. This was done by building a form around it and grouting it in with cement concrete. This cost \$491.56, one half of which has been borne by the Town of Brimfield.

A heavy truck owned by John Robbie of Springfield, weighing with load,  $11\frac{3}{4}$  tons, broke through the State avenue bridge necessitating repairs to the amount of \$281.16. The same truck broke through the bridge at the Electric Light Station which cost \$42.45 to repair. Bills have been rendered for these two breaks.

The time would seem not far away when a new bridge would be needed to replace the State avenue bridge between Monson and Palmer.

During the past year 3 in. Chestnut plank for the repair of bridges has been hard to get and the price has been high. We recommend an appropriation of \$675.00 for the purchase of 15,000 ft. at \$45.00 per thousand, for stock. We have placed an order with Charles B. Thomas for this amount of plank, contingent upon the approval of the Town.

## SEWERS AND CULVERTS

Forty-seven sewer entrances have been granted. Nearly \$500.00 has been spent for Metal Culvert for the improvement of drainage conditions. A section of the Tennyville sewer, 250 ft. in length, had to be relaid because of the change in grade for the new State road. This cost \$347.38.

The Grove street sewer has been extended 70 ft. to accommodate new buildings and the Shearer street sewer 196 ft. The Tennyville sewer was extended to the New England Metal Culvert Plant, a distance of 350 ft. The New England Metal Culvert Company furnished the pipe and the Town put it in.

The sewer appropriation of \$2,500.00 was insufficient and was supplemented by the transfer of \$463.29 by the Selectmen from their Reserve Fund.

Under special articles, extensions have been made to sewers, as follows:

	Cost	Appropriation
Squier Street, 260 ft., 8 inch, .....	\$ 332.13	\$ 484.00
North Main Street, 478 ft., 10 inch, .....	807.56	1,325.00
Four Corners, 420 ft., 12 inch, .....	1,103.15	1,250.00
Orchard Street, 506 ft., 12 inch, .....	2,858.79	3,100.00
High Street, Thorndike, 240 ft., 8 inch, ....	230.00	385.00
Brown Street, 345 ft., 10 inch,		
Highland Street, 340 ft., 10 inch,		
King and No. Main Streets, 450 ft., 12 inch,		
Pine Street, 200 ft., 8 inch		
Pine Street, 98 ft., 10 inch, .....	3,615.62	5,050.00

### HAMPDEN R. R. BRIDGES

The Hastings bridge reported closed in our last report is still closed.

The Whiting bridge has required frequent repairs during the year amounting in all to \$114.68. This is an important bridge and must be kept in repair. It needs entire new planking and possibly some new cross pieces. In a special article, we will ask for an appropriation for this work. We recommend that the unexpended balance of this account \$372.22 be reappropriated for use during the coming year.

### WALKS AND CURBING

The full appropriation for repair of walks, \$2,400.00 was used. More could have been used to good advan-

tage. The contract for tar walks was given to P. J. Nelligan & Co. and for cement walks to Philippi Coache. About 830 ft. of 4 in. curbing was put in with the regular curbing appropriation of \$1,250.00. All of the special appropriations for walks and curbing have been taken care of. Thirteen carloads of curbing were handled costing on the cars at Bondsville station, \$5,472.41.

Sidewalk and Curbing bills have been rendered to abutting property owners against this years work to the amount of \$6,081.75.

### MAIN STREET, THREE RIVERS

Three conferences have been held with the officials of the Springfield Street Railway Company. While we have been unable to get from them a positive statement of what they will do, we expect that they will put their track in good condition before the roadway is laid. The curbing on the westerly side of the street has been set. Engineers plans and grades have all been prepared and it is planned to go forward with the cement roadway in the Spring as early as possible. Curbing bills to the amount of \$555.28 have been rendered to abutting property owners.

### FAY BRIDGE AND MONSON ROAD

Early in the year a conference was held with the State Department of Public Works and an agreement reached whereby the Town of Palmer is to pay one-half the cost of the road leading to the Fay Bridge up to the amount of \$25,000.00 and one-third cost of the new bridge up to the amount of \$10,000.00. Plans and specifications were prepared by the State Engineers and bids called for. The bids were opened at the State House, September 16, 1924 and the contract was subsequently awarded to the lowest of eight bidders, Carl B. Lindholm of Pittsfield, at an estimated cost of \$78,118.85.

No payments have yet been made to the State or Contractors for the work so far done.

The following table shows in condensed form, the appropriation handled by this Board:

	Appro- priations	Expended	Unex- pended
Highways .....	\$15,000.00	\$14,707.79	\$ 292.21
Snow Removal .....	2,000.00	1,593.17	406.83
Bridges .....	2,234.57	2,234.57	
Burleigh Bridge .....	150.00	138.95	11.05
Railings .....	400.00	400.00	
Sewers and Culverts .....	2,963.29	2,963.29	
Sewers, Article 50 .....	4,735.00	4,192.54	542.46
Sewers, Article 6, Special	350.00	350.00	
Sewers, Article 14, Special	300.00	300.00	
Sewers, Article 7, Special	4,400.00	2,965.62	1,434.38
Sewers, Article 11, Special	484.00	332.13	151.87
Sewers, Article 5, Special	1,325.00	807.56	517.44
Curbing .....	1,250.00	1,250.00	
Article 51, Reinforcing	8,781.00	8,781.00	
Art. 9, Special, Main			
St., Three Rivers .....	14,500.00	1,620.89	12,879.11
Art. 6, Special, So. Main			
St., to Fay Bridge ....	25,000.00		25,000.00
Art. 7, Special, Fay Bridge	10,000.00		10,000.00
Hampden RR. Bridge .....	486.90	114.68	372.22
Storehouse Addition .....	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Ford Truck .....	850.00	850.00	
Walks .....	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Walks, Article 45 .....	3,800.00	3,800.00	
Walks, Article 47 .....	500.00	351.53	148.47
Walks, Article 48 .....	10,475.00	8,947.36	1,527.64
Walks, Article 5, Special	1,100.00	1,006.15	93.85
	\$114,984.76	\$61,607.23	\$53,377.53

We recommend the following appropriations for 1925

Highways, .....	\$15,000.00
Snow Removal .....	2,000.00
Bridges .....	1,500.00
Railings .....	400.00
Sewers and Culverts, .....	2,500.00
Repair of Walks .....	2,400.00
Curbing .....	1,250.00
Street Monuments .....	200.00

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. MORAN

CHAS. A. TABOR

JNO. J. CONWAY

Road Commissioners.



# 1924

## Treasurer's Report

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### RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand, Jauuary 1, 1924 .....		\$66,052.21
John T. Brown, Tax Collector, tax 1920	\$ 48.97	
John T. Brown, Tax Collector, tax 1921	1,334.31	
John T. Brown, Tax Collector, tax 1922	5,614.89	
John T. Brown, Tax Collector, tax 1923	42,140.65	
John T. Brown, Tax Collector, tax 1924	333,608.70	
Anticipation of Revenue Loans .....	250,000.00	
Street Pavement Loan .....	22,000.00	
Concrete Bridge Loan .....	7,000.00	
Commonwealth, taxes and other sources	88,775.12	
All other sources .....	21,447.47	\$771,970.11
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		\$838,022.32

### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid out on Town Warrants .....	\$707,884.50	
Balance .....	130,137.82	\$838,022.32
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ROBERT L. McDONALD,  
Town Treasurer

# Report of Tree Warden

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Palmer, Mass., December 31, 1924.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Palmer.  
Gentlemen:—

I herewith submit a report of the activities of the  
Tree Warden for the year 1924:—

Appropriation for Preservation of Shade Trees,	\$250.00
Amount expended	228.55
Balance,	\$21.45
Appropriation for Planting Shade Trees,	\$150.00
Amount expended	144.00
Balance,	\$6.00

In addition to the above, some emergency work was required on trees that were in danger of falling and causing injury to persons or damage to property. This work was done with the approval of your board, but the bill, which amounts to \$65.00, was not presented before the closing of the town accounts and therefore has not yet been paid.

Respectfully,

J. H. MacGEACHEY,

Tree Warden.

# Report of Young Men's Library Association

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## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1924

To the Members of the Young Men's Library Association:

I herewith submit my fourteenth annual report as Librarian of your Association. The report will be succinct.

### CIRCULATION

The total circulation for the year was 62,458, divided as follows: Main Library, 35,519; Three Rivers Branch, 15,852; Thorndike Branch, 6,918; Bondsville Branch, 4,169.

This year's circulation, compared with that of last year, shows a decrease of 2,709. This is a marked decrease; in fact, the most marked decrease since I have served in the capacity of Librarian.

The decreases were as follows: — Palmer, 863; Thorndike Branch, 531; Three Rivers Branch, 2,394. Bondsville showed an increase of 1,346.

When I first became connected with your library, the circulation had never exceeded 18,016—this was the circulation for the year 1910. 1911, my first year, produced a circulation of 20,044. The circulations in the succeeding years have been as follows:—

1912, 26,007; 1913, 36,954; 1914, 40,002; 1915, 53,662; 1916, 49,408; 1917, 47,738; 1918, 45,400; 1919, 55,472; 1920, 54,499; 1921, 62,399; 1922, 65,371; 1923, 65,167; 1924, 62,458.

The outstanding cause, I feel, for the decrease in circulation is the rather extensive use of the radio. Many people who can hear lectures and music over the radio prefer that sort of pleasure to that which comes from reading. Before the days of the radio, much of the entertainment and much of the knowledge which came to people, outside of their direct contacts with other people, were derived from reading. The vast strides of science have changed much of this. Autos, movies, radios, etc., undoubtedly consume much of the time which previously was pleasurably spent with a good friend—the book. These changes must be expected and the results accruing from them must be accepted.

### PUBLICITY

The library is functioning successfully and, to a large extent, is meeting the demands made upon it by the reading public.

Had we the time and the money to put into publicity and other acceptable “stunts,” we could increase our circulation very markedly. The successful operation of a library now-a-days is dependent, to a large extent, upon the same methods of operation as any business or other organization doing business with the public. In other words, there must be some form of advertising, direct or indirect. The majority of people will patronize only those things which are constantly called to their attention. The library which does this and which runs special features is the library which is patronized fully by the public. The day has gone by when you can sit back and wait for the public to come to you. You must go to the public. This is a lesson every successful school system throughout the country has learned—many of them painfully. Our larger libraries have learned the same lesson. The smaller ones, in many cases, are still in the process of learning, even though in many instances they may not be conscious of it.

Personally, I shall never be content with our library when fully conscious that it is not a growing institution. I abhor dry-rot and stagnation.

### APPRECIATION

The library is one of the main educational forces of this community. It owes its continued existence to the financial support of the Town. The Association realizes and appreciates this fact.

The Association endeavors to show this appreciation by its efforts to make the library as efficient as possible.

### STATISTICS

#### Circulation

The following statistics are given:

#### BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Main Library	35,519
Three Rivers Branch	15,852
Thorndike Branch	6,918
Bondsville Branch	4,169
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Total	62,458
Last Year	65,167
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Decrease	2,709
Books on hand, January 1, 1924,	16,581
Purchased during the year,	389
Received by gift,	10
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Books on hand, January 1, 1925,	16,980

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON H. HOBSON

Librarian.



## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

## RECEIPTS

Received from Town of Palmer .....	\$4600.00	
Fines, etc. ....	160.68	\$4760.68
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Less Overdraft, January 1, 1924 ....		39.79
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		\$4720.89

## EXPENDITURES

May Robinson, Attendant, Palmer .....	\$ 849.96	
Mrs. David Davis, Asst., Palmer .....	633.30	
E. Spaulding, Janitor .....	308.04	
Branch Library Attendants .....	815.96	
Fuel and Lights .....	738.81	
Telephone .....	33.87	
Miscellaneous .....	240.01	
Supplies .....	12.25	
Books and Magazines .....	1084.22	\$4716.42
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Balance on hand, January 1, 1925		\$4.47

LOUIS E. CHANDLER,  
Treasurer.

# Report of Board of Health

To the Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of Palmer:

The Board of Health of the Town of Palmer herewith submits its annual report for the year ending, December 31, 1924:

TABLE NO. 1

	Chicken Pox	Diphtheria	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Typhoid	Whooping Cough	Tuberculosis	Lobar Pneumonia	Actinomycosis
January,			8				1		
February,		1	60				3	1	
March,		1	17			1	1		
April,			1				1		
May,							1		
June,	7	1	8				6		1
July,		3							
August,					7				
September,	1								
October									
November,								1	
December,								2	
	8	6	94	—	7	1	13	4	1

TABLE NO. 2

Number of deaths reported from January 1924 to January 1, 1925.

January,	6	August,	7
February,	13	September,	5
March,	7	October,	10
April,	9	November,	7
May,	8	December,	11
June,	7		
July,	9	Total	<u>99</u>

TABLE NO. 3

	Total	Male	Female
Less than 1 year,	29	10	19
1 to 2 years,	1		1
2 to 3 years,	1	1	
3 to 4 years,	0		
4 to 5 years,	1		1
5 to 10 years,	1		1
10 to 15 years,	2	1	1
15 to 20 years,	0		
20 to 30 years,	0		
30 to 40 years,	5	3	2
40 to 50 years,	4	2	2
50 to 60 years,	7	2	5
60 to 70 years,	16	9	7
70 to 80 years,	18	10	8
80 to 90 years,	5	2	3
90 to 100 years,	0		
Over 100 years,	0		
Still born,	9	3	6
	<u>99</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>56</u>

## REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health of Palmer:

I have granted the following permits:

Dealer's Permits, 98 @ .50,	\$49.00
Oleomargarine Permits, 8 @ .50,	<b>4.00</b>
Producer's Permits, no fee, 87	
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	\$53.00

Have carefully inspected all places where milk is produced or sold, one or more times as seemed necessary.

Have made one arrest with conviction for selling without a permit.

Have revoked three (3) producer's permits and temporarily suspended two others on account of unsanitary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. BENNETT,

Milk Inspector.

## REPORT OF MEAT INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health of Palmer:

I have made the following Meat Inspections:

Hogs, .....	140	Condemned	<b>1</b>
Beef .....	23	Condemned	<b>1</b>
Veal .....	49		

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. BENNETT,

Meat Inspector.

## RECEIPTS

## From Appropriations:

Salaries, Including Clerk,	\$175.00
Vital Statistics,	700.00
Meat and Cattle Inspector	1000.00
Other Expenses	1500.00
Clerical Work	100.00

## Reimbursements:

Contagious Diseases	
Tuberculosis	49.28
Subsidies from State	10.00

## Licenses:

Alcohol	20.00
Day Nursery	3.00
Druggist	3.00
Bottling	20.00
Milk and Oleomargarine	53.00
Undertakers	4.00

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**\$3,637.28**

## EXPENDITURES

## For:

Salaries	\$175.00
Clerical Work	100.00
Printing and Postage	6.87
Telephone	25.86
Hospital Board and Treatment	1348.16
Vital Statistics	558.00
Fumigation	9.98
Sundry	29.98
Inspection—Animal, Meat and Milk	766.90

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**\$3020.75**

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. SCHNEIDER, M. D., Chairman.

M. Wm. HOLDEN,

W. C. HITCHCOCK,

Board of Health.

The Board has received numerous complaints during the last year in regard to Householders being unable to dispose of their garbage in the village of Palmer especially.

To meet this problem, the Board has granted to two responsible parties to collect garbage at least twice a week in the village of Palmer without expense to the Town. Nominal fees, however, are accepted from the Householders if they wish to contribute for this service.

The usual quota of Children's and Contagious Diseases were prevalent during the year. Typhoid broke out in Thorndike in August but luckily confined itself to one family.

The Commonwealth is carrying out a so-called "10 year Programme", against the ravages of Tuberculosis among children especially. While this programme deserves the approval of the voters, nevertheless it will undoubtedly demand an increasing expense to the Town if we carry out the recommendations that the State outline.

The Board recommends the following appropriations for the ensuing year same as last, namely:

Clerical Work	\$ 100.00
Vital Statistics	700.00
Inspection of Meat and Milk and Cattle	1,000.00
Contagious Diseases and Sundries	1,500.00
Salaries	175.00
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	\$3,475.00

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. SCHNEIDER, M. D., Chairman.

M. Wm. HOLDEN,

W. C. HITCHCOCK,

Board of Health.



# Overseers of the Poor Report

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of  
Palmer:

The Overseers of the Poor of the town of Palmer  
herewith submit their annual report for the year **ending**  
December 31, 1924.

Through whom aided	No. Aided	Amount
Town Farm .....	9	\$5,091.25
In homes and private families .....	108	5,772.30
Poor under Chap. 763, Acts 1913 .....	37	5,513.48
Persons aided in other cities and towns having settlement in this town .....	15	409.79
Persons aided in this town having no settlement in Commonwealth .....	7	150.55

The amount expended on this last item will be  
reimbursed, also one third of the amount expended under  
Chapter 763, Act of 1913 (Mother's Aid.)

## RECEIPTS

### Appropriations:

General Administration,	12,000.00	
Salaries:	\$ 455.00	
Contingent Fund,	1,000.00	
Thompson Fund, Inc. Act.	42.80	
Town Physician,	150.00	
Clerical Work,	200.00	\$13,847.80

### Town Farm:

Sale of Produce,	1,408.24	
Sale of Wood, Stock, etc.	659.41	
Board from Inmates,	2,039.72	4,107.37

### Reimbursements:

State,	1,058.65	
Travelers' Ins. Co., Claim,	14.57	1,073.22
		\$19,028.39

## PAYMENTS

## Support of Poor:

Board Salaries,	\$455.00	
Town Physician,	150.00	
Clerical Assistance,	200.00	\$805.00

## Town Farm:

Warden,	1,175.00	
Labor,	977.14	
Groceries and Provisions,	564.21	
Dry Goods and Clothing,	28.10	
Fuel and Light,	532.42	
Hay and Grain,	981.68	
Repairs,	185.09	
Equipment,	236.88	
Telephone,	28.80	
Sundry Items,	381.93	5,091.25

## Outside Poor

Board and Care,	345.96	
Medicine and		
Rent,	1,616.78	
Groceries and Provisions,	6,069.30	
Coal and Wood,	1,261.00	
Medical Attendance,	210.97	
Cash,	767.37	
Stationery, Postage and		
Printing,	46.25	
Sundry Items,	86.23	10,403.91

## Contingent Fund:

Shingling Town Farm Roof	900.00	
Repairing Roof, etc.,	118.89	1,018.89
		\$17,319.05

## NET COST OF CHARITIES

Total Expense,		\$17,319.05
Less Receipts of Town Farm,	\$4107.37	
Less Reimbursement from State,	1,058.65	
Less Insurance paid on claim,	14.57	
Less Income from Thompson Fund,	42.80	5,223.39
Net Cost,		<u>\$12,095.66</u>

### NET COST OF TOWN FARM

Total Expense for 1924,		\$6,110.14
Total Receipts during 1924,	\$4,107.37	
Outstanding bills,	190.00	4,297.37
Net Cost,		\$1,812.77

\$1,018.89 was for shingling and repairing the roof otherwise the net cost of running the Town Farm would have been \$793.88.

### REPORT OF WARDEN TO OVERSEERS OF POOR FOR THE YEAR 1924 RECEIPTS

Milk,	\$1,352.24	
Produce,	715.41	
Board for 1924,	1,520.36	
Board for 1923,	525.72	\$4,113.73

### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Town Treasurer,	\$4,113.73
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### BILLS RECEIVABLE

For Milk,	\$198.00
For Board,	232.00
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	\$430.00

Number of Inmates registered during year,	9
Largest number at one time,	9
Average number supplied for year,	6

### INVENTORY

Furniture and Tableware,	\$1,000.00
Food Supplies,	373.00
Live Stock,	1,430.00
Hay, Grain and Ensilage,	139.00
Farm Implements,	1,068.00
Wood, Coal and Lumber,	560.00
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	\$4,570.00

The Board recommends the following appropriations  
for its use during the year 1925:

Support of Poor,	\$16,000.00
Contingent,	500.00
Salaries of Board,	455.00
Town Physician,	150.00
Clerical Work,	200.00
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	\$17,305.00

P. J. McKELLIGETT,  
T. W. MANSFIELD,  
CHAS. GIROUX, M. D.,  
Overseers of Poor.

# Tax Collector's Report

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## ACCOUNT OF 1920

Outstanding January 1, 1924	\$40.75	
Interest	8.22	
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		\$48.97
Paid Treasurer		48.97
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## ACCOUNT OF 1921

Outstanding January 1, 1924	\$2,302.95	
Interest	139.87	
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		\$2,442.82
Paid Treasurer	\$1,334.31	
Abatements	1,085.87	
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		2,420.18
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Outstanding December 31, 1924		22.64

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## ACCOUNT OF 1922

Outstanding January 1, 1924	\$7,069.19	
Interest	495.49	
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		\$7,564.68

Paid Treasurer	\$5,614.89
Abatements	1,815.03

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7,429.92

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Outstanding December 31, 1924	134.76
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ACCOUNT OF 1923

Outstanding January 1, 1924	\$43,062.26
Interest	1,250.95

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\$44,313.21

Paid Treasurer	\$42,140.65
Abatements	466.12

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42,606.77

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Outstanding December 31, 1924	1,706.44
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ACCOUNT OF 1924

Assessors' Warrants to be collected	\$371,832.09
Interest	392.43

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\$372,224.52

Paid Treasurer	333,608.70
Abatements	883.80

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334,492.50

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Outstanding December 31, 1924	37,732.02
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JOHN T. BROWN,  
Collector.



# License Commissioners' Report

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To the Voters of the Town of Palmer:

The Board of License Commissioners organized,  
March 24, 1924.

It was voted to have all fees the same as previous  
years.

The number of licenses granted as follows:

Third Class, 3; Common Victuallers, 14; Sunday  
Licenses, 46; Lodging House, 4; Inn Holders, 7.

MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN

OSCAR BRESSETTE

NEIL McDONALD, Clerk

## Selectmen's Report

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The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report:

**ORGANIZATION:** The Board organized with the choice of William B. Kerigan as Chairman, and Frank G. Rogers as Clerk.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Ernest E. Hobson was appointed Town Counsel; Harriette Paine, Bookkeeper; Louis E. Chandler, Burial Agent; David L. Bodfish, Superintendent of Graves; M. Scott French, Chief Engineer; Louis Leveillee, Sealer of Weights and Measures; Fred H. Smith and Michael H. Davitt, Inspector of Animals; Timothy J. Crimmins, Chief of Police.

The case of Bernard A. Kaplan pending in the Superior Court, Boston, for injuries alleged to have been sustained in August 1922, on the River Road, so-called, running from the Village of Thorndike to Forest Lake, was settled by the payment to the plaintiff of \$150.00. The Board felt, while there was question of liability, the cost of trying the case in Boston would be much greater than the amount for which the claim was settled.

The litigation with James H. Murphy, the contractor who built the Wenimesset School at Three Rivers, is still pending in the Superior Court. All the evidence has been put in, arguments made, and the case awaits the masters's report.

There have been no new claims brought against the town during the year.

The price for junk licenses was the same as last year, namely, \$50.00.

The Selectmen made an effort by advertisement and otherwise to make a sale of the two old hearses belonging to the town, as authorized by the last town meeting. The best offer that could be obtained was \$10.00. Disposition has been made of them, as authorized, by turning them over to the warden at the Town Farm. The running part of said hearses is to be fitted with bodies and practical use will be made of them in the operation of the farm.

The Board has done a lot of work in adjusting with property owners abutting on South Main Street and on the road leading from South Main Street over the Tennyville Bridge to Park Street claims for damages on account of the taking by the Commonwealth of their land in the construction of the State Highway in said streets. The claims of one or two property owners are still to be adjusted. In this connection the Board desires to call to the attention of the voters the fact that Better Brushes, Inc., released, without any consideration, a strip of land ten feet in width running along the front of the park property from the street railway car barn to the D. O. Pease Manufacturing Company plant, and that the D. O. Pease Manufacturing Company gave a release, without any consideration, of a ten foot strip in front of its property on said South Main Street. This evidence of public spirit and desire to co-operate for the betterment of the Town on the part of these two corporations should not go unrecognized.

The contract for the printing of the Town Reports this year has been awarded to The Palmer Register at the price of \$5.65 per page for 1800 reports, as against \$6.50, price paid last year.

The Selectmen attended a legislative hearing in Boston in opposition to the taking of the waters of the Swift and Ware Rivers for the uses of the Metropolitan Water District. The Board understands that the matter

is to be further considered by the legislature of this year and recommends that the town take the same action with reference to this matter that it did last year under Article 54 of last year's warrant.

The attention of the voters is called to the fact that during the present year occurs the 150th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town. The event is worthy of suitable recognition and observance.

The town has received from the State Treasurer the sum of \$5,045.11 under the provisions of Chapter 480 of the Acts of 1924, which provide for the return to the cities and towns of certain surplus funds collected to provide suitable recognition of those residents of Massachusetts who served in the army and navy of the United States during the war with Germany. Under said law this sum must be held as a special fund to be appropriated only for the purpose of paying indebtedness or for purposes for which the Town may borrow money as specified in sections 7 and 8 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. The Board calls the attention of the voters to this sum of money so that consideration may be given by the town as to what use will be made of the same.

The Selectmen are still endeavoring to negotiate a satisfactory settlement with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company for an adjustment of its obligation to the town on the several bonds of former Tax Collector Hawkes. The company has taken a decided stand against liability for any sizeable sum, and it may be necessary to bring suit in order to obtain any amount. The Board is advised that a complete audit of the Tax Collector's accounts for the years in question will have to be made and that this will involve an outlay running into hundreds of dollars. The audit made by the Division of Accounts in 1922 does not seem to be extensive enough to stand the test of a suit at law. Conferences are being had between a representative of the company

and the Town Counsel over various features of the accounts which may make a settlement possible without the expense of an audit or a law suit.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Statement of Recommendations for the Year 1925

Election and Registration,	\$ 600.00
Premium Workmen's Compensation Insurance,	950.00
Auditing and Accounting,	1,290.00
Selectmen's Other Expenses,	500.00
Selectmen's Contingent Expenses,	1,200.00
Special Police,	1,000.00
Printing and Distribution of Town Reports,	1,200.00
Salaries of Selectmen,	750.00
Law and Claim Department,	1,500.00

WILLIAM B. KERIGAN,  
FRANG G. ROGERS,  
CHARLES A. CALLAHAN,  
Board of Selectmen.



# Town Warrant

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Hampden, ss.

Town of Palmer.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Palmer, in  
said County,

### GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the Selectmen, to wit: In Precinct A, at Holbrook Hall in the Holbrook Building on Main Street in the Depot Village; in Precinct B, at Recreation Building (room on the street floor) on Commercial Street in Thorndike; in Precinct C, at Cercle Canadien Hall on East Main Street in Three Rivers; and in Precinct D, at Boston Duck Company's Hall on Main Street in Bondsville, on Monday, the second day of February, A. D. 1925, at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several voting precincts of said town, for the following town officers, to wit: Three Selectmen, a Town Treasurer, a Tax Collector, three Auditors, five Constables, three License Commissioners, and a Tree Warden, all for the term of one year; one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, two members of the School Committee, one member of the Board of Health, one Cemetery Commissioner, and one Road Commissioner, all for the term of three years; also to vote by ballot, which shall be "Yes" or "No," in

answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?"

The polls will be open at six o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at three-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House at Four Corners, in said Palmer, on Monday, the ninth day of February, A. D. 1925, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all other usual town officers.

ARTICLE 3. To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To raise money and make appropriations to defray expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the ensuing financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for current expenses of the town, but not exceeding in the aggregate the amount permitted by law, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the date thereof; all debts incurred under authority of this vote to be paid from revenue of the said financial year.

ARTICLE 6. To hear and act on the reports of Committees.

ARTICLE 7. To choose Committees and give them instructions.

ARTICLE 8. To determine the manner and state the terms and conditions of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year, and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the Young Men's Library Association, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will raise money to convey pupils to and from public schools, and instruct the school committee as to the manner of letting the contract for such conveyance.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise money for the observance of Memorial Day.

ARTICLE 13. To see what action the Town will take in relation to sewers.

ARTICLE 14. To see what action the Town will take in respect to lighting the streets, and whether it will authorize the Selectmen to make contract therefor, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 15. To see what action the town will take in reference to the planting and preservation of shade trees.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the improvment of cemeteries.

ARTICLE 17. To see what action the Town will take in regard to sidewalks and curbing.

ARTICLE 18. To see what action the Town will take relative to suits and claims now pending against the Town.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will appropriate money for the suppression of gypsy and brown-tail moths and elm tree beetles.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the insurance and maintenance of the auto fire trucks for the ensuing year, or see what action it will take relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will appropriate money for defraying the Town's share of the support of the District Court.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to defray the cost of the rent, janitor service and maintenance of the Town offices in the Holbrook Building.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to sprinkle or spread upon its public ways, or parts thereof, water or any liquid or material suitable for laying or preventing dust and preserving the surface of such ways and for sanitary purposes, the cost thereof to be assessed upon abutting estate, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to be paid to the Wing Memorial Hospital Association for the chairitable purposes of said Association in this Town, or for the care and support in said hospital of persons wholly or in part

unable to support or care for themselves, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will make provision for reimbursing the Police Officers for expenses incurred in the investigation of cases and otherwise in the discharge of their duties.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help defray the cost of maintaining the District Nurse.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to maintain night police in the several villages, authorize the Selectmen to employ and appoint in addition a Chief of Police, one or more day patrolman, and to make rules and regulations for the government of all the police officers of the Town, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to meet the Town's share of the cost to the County of Hampden for providing adequate hospital care for consumptives under the provisions of Chapter 111 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars, or any sum, to be expended within the Town under the direction of the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture for the promotion of boys' and girls' work in agriculture, home making and country life of the Town, including agricultural demonstration work on land owned by the Town, or owned by any resident of the Town, in accordance with the provisions of Section 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws.



ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain a system of improved lighting on Main Street in the Depot Village and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise the salaries of any Town Officers.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will appropriate money under the authority of Section 22 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws for the care of graves of persons who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war or insurrection and been honorably discharged from such service.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to oppose the taking of the waters of the Swift and Ware Rivers for the uses of the Metropolitan Water District, study proposed legislation and employ counsel for these purposes, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for necessary expenses.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to set apart any portion of the land now owned by it for the purpose of establishing thereon a Town forest and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding \$1,000.00 for reclaiming and planting such land, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will appropriate money, to be expended in the discretion and under the direction of the Selectmen, for the repair and maintenance of the clock in the Universalist Church tower in the Depot Village, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to choose a committee of five to investigate school accom-

modations at the Wire Mill District and procure plans for a grade school building, and report at a future meeting of the Town, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of said committee.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money for new sidewalks as follows:—(a) Cement sidewalk, with cement curbing, on the south side of State Street in the Village of Bondsville, from South High Street to St. Bartholomew's Church line; (b) Cement walk, with necessary railing, on northerly side of East Main Street, Three Rivers, from Charles Street easterly to the end of the present cement walk on the road to Four Corners; (c) Cement walk on northerly side of East Main Street in Three Rivers from the passageway westerly of block of one Rusiecki to Prospect Street; (d) Tar concrete walk on the westerly side of Ruggles Street in Three Rivers, in front of property of S. H. Dupuis and in front of land of Sarah E. Forte, to connect present sidewalk; (e) Cement walk, with granite curbing, on the easterly side of High Street, Thorndike, from a point opposite property of Arthur Lord to School Street; (f) Cement walk, with granite curbing, on the southerly side of Harvey Avenue, in Thorndike, from its intersection with High Street to the house of Joseph Styminski; (g) Tar concrete walk on the easterly side of High Street in Bondsville, from Maple Street to Center Street; (h) Cement walk, with cement curbing, on the easterly and westerly sides of Brown Street in the Depot Village; (i) Cement or tar concrete walk, with curbing, on the northerly side of Highland Street in the Depot Village, from King to Brown Streets; (j) Cement sidewalk, with curbing, on the easterly side of Holbrook Street and on the southerly side of Pine Street in the Depot Village, along property of one Weir.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to build a new cement walk, with cement curbing, on the northeasterly side of Thorndike Street in the Depot Village, along property of the Palmer Savings Bank, or repair the present walk, and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the improvement of highways as follows: (a) Macadamize Church Street in the Depot Village from Main Street to Pleasant Street; (b) Macadamize Central Street in the Depot Village from Main Street to Park Street; (c) Resurface Main Street in Thorndike from the corner of Commercial Street to a point near St. Mary's Catholic Church; (d) Resurface with traprock Pleasant Street in Thorndike from the end of the present macadam near No. 1 mill of the Thorndike Company to the brow of the hill near the Bond property; (e) Resurface with traprock and oil the highway leading from the State highway to Ware westerly, past Bridgman's Ice Cream Plant to the covered bridge over the Ware River; (f) Resurface with gravel High Street in Bondsville from Maple Street to Spring Street; (g) Improve and harden Brown Street in the Depot Village; (h) Improve and harden Highland Street in the Depot Village from King Street to Brown Street; (i) Macadamize State Street in Bondsville from Pleasant Street to a point opposite Carmody's old residence; (j) Macadamize High Street in Thorndike from its intersection with Commercial Street to its interection with Main Street.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to install and maintain additional electriect lights as follows: (a) 1 light at the junction of Oak and Charles Streets in Three Rivers; (b) 2 lights on North Street in Three Rivers between Pytka's bakery and house of one Topor;

(c) 1 light on Summer Street in Thorndike near the lane leading to property of one Smiegel; (d) 3 lights on Woodland and Rockview Streets in the Depot Village; (e) 2 or more lights in the business section of East Main Street in Three Rivers; (f) 1 light on Brown Street in the Depot Village near its intersection with Highland Street; (g) 1 light on the westerly side of Thorndike Street in the Depot Village between Pine Street and St. Thomas' Church.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to construct a sewer, with necessary catch basins, on the Belchertown Road in Three Rivers from the end of the present sewer to a point near the residence formerly of George Motyka, or for any distance in said road between said points, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to improve the sewerage system, so that surface water may be properly taken care of, in Converse and Walnut Streets in the Depot Village and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to grade, install storm water sewers, curbing and concrete walks, or otherwise improve Kelley Street in Three Rivers, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in High Street in Bondsville, from a point opposite property of one Farrell southerly to State Street, or for any distance in said Street between said points and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to repair and put in proper condition the Wenimesset school building in Three Rivers and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the payment of the balance due the architect for services in connection with the Wenimesset School in Three Rivers, and also for the purpose of paying witness fees incurred by the Town in connection with the litigation with James H. Murphy concerning said school building.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to replank and repair the Whiting Bridge over the Hampden Railroad.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will approve of the purchase of 15,000 feet of 3 in. chestnut plank at \$45.00 per thousand feet for the repair of bridges, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$675.00 therefor.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will build a pipe railing on the concrete retaining wall on the westerly side of Main Street in Bondsville, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to hold all future Town Meetings in the High School Auditorium in the Depot Village, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to observe the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation as a municipality, choose a committee to have charge of the same, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefore.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase any part of the H. D. Converse land



situate adjacent to the High School Building in the Depot Village for the purposes of an athletic field and playground, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 53. To see what appropriation the Town will make of the sum of \$5,045.11, returned to it by the Commonwealth as its share of certain surplus funds collected to provide suitable recognition of those residents of Massachusetts who served in the Army and Navy of the United States during the war with Germany under the provisions of Chapter 480 of the Acts of 1924, and now held as a special fund as permitted by said Chapter.

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will grant permission to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield, a corporation sole, to use for burial purposes, the following described tract of land, adjoining St. Thomas' Cemetery, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly side of the highway leading from the Thorndike Road, past the house formerly of Patrick Crowley, to the Three Rivers Road, near the Burleigh Crossing, so-called, and at the southwesterly corner of land of the heirs of said Patrick Crowley; thence northerly along said last named land and the present line of said St. Thomas' Cemetery about six hundred ninety (690) feet; thence westerly along line of present cemetery about seventy (70) feet; thence northerly along line of present cemetery about five hundred fifty (550) feet to land of Stanley Gula; thence westerly along land of said Gula about four hundred thirty (430) feet to land now or formerly of heirs of one Crowley; thence southerly along last named land and land of the heirs of Nellie M. Bond about thirteen hundred fifty-seven (1357) feet to said highway; thence



easterly on said highway about five hundred ten (510) feet to the place of beginning.

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,367.70 to pay overdrafts made by the several departments of the Town during the year 1924, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will accept and allow a Town way known as Pleasant Street in the Depot Village, as relocated by the Road Commissioners as follows: Beginning at a stone bound at or near the line of land of the Boston & Albany Railroad and at or near the southwesterly corner of land of Jarvis and Jarvis, thence N. 27 deg. 02 min. W. eight hundred fourteen and 87-100 (814.87) feet to a stone bound opposite land of the Second Congregational Church; the above is a description of the northeasterly side of the street as relocated, the southwesterly side to this point is laid paraellle therewith and thirty-five feet distant therefrom: from said stone bound opposite land of the Second Congregational Church the northeasterly line makes an angle of 17 min. to the west, the course being N. 27 deg. 19 min. W., for a distance of four hundred nine and 81-100 (409.81) feet to a stone bound on the southeasterly side of Central Street; the southwesterly line at the beginning of this course is thirty-five (35) feet distant from the northeasterly line and gradually diverges to thirty-eight (38) feet distant at the southeasterly side of Central Street; from said stone bound on the southeasterly side of Central Street the northeasterly line extends in the same course, N. 27 deg. 19 min. W., for a distance of five hundred sixteen and 19-100 (516.19) feet to a stone bound at or near the northwest corner of land of **Michael J. Garvey**, thence making an angle of 19 min. to the west, in a course N. 27 deg. 38 min. W., for a distance of three hundred seventy-five (375) feet

to an iron bar set in the ground to mark the intersection of the northeasterly line of Pleasant Street with the southeasterly line of Thorndike Street; for the last two courses the southwesterly line is parallel with and thirty-eight (38) feet distant from the northeasterly line, from the southeasterly side of Central Street for a distance of eight hundred thirty-five and 87-700 (835.87) feet to a stone bound opposite land of Henry D. Converse; thence by a curve to the west with a radius of sixteen (16) feet for a distance of thirty-four and 5.10 (34.5) feet to a stone bound on the southeasterly side of Thorndike Street.

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will accept and allow a Town way known as Foster Street in the Depot Village, as relocated by the Road Commissioners as follows: Beginning at a stone bound in the northwesterly line of Thorndike Street in the Depot Village of said Palmer, and at the southwesterly corner of land of Edward F. and Louise M. Cushman, thence N. 61 deg. 2 min. W., making an angle with said line of Thorndike Street to the west of 89 deg. 32 min., for a distance of one hundred sixty-five and three-tenths (165.3) feet to a stone bound; thence N. 52 deg. 50 min. W. one hundred three and 95-100 (103.95) feet to a stone bound at or near the westerly corner of land of Luther H. Gager; thence N. 44 deg. 32 min. W. one hundred forty-nine and 47-100 (149.47) feet to a stone bound in the southeasterly line of Knox Street; the line described is the northeasterly line of relocation and the way as relocated is thirty-three (33) feet in width on the southwesterly side of the line described.

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, in the name of the Town, to procure a lease of the present offices now used by the Town in the Holbrook Building on Main Street in the Depot Village, or a

lease of any other suitable rooms to be used as offices for the various officers of the Town, for a term not exceeding ten years; to agree upon the provisions of said lease, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in some one public place in each of the four villages of the Town known as the Depot Village, Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bonds-ville, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and by publishing an attested copy thereof in at least two issues of the Palmer Journal, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the first publication to be not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of January, A. D. 1925.

WILLIAM B. KERIGAN,  
FRANK G. ROGERS,  
CHARLES A. CALLAHAN,  
Selectmen of Palmer.

# Town Bookkeeper's Report

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Palmer, Massachusetts:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of the receipts and expenditures of the Town for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1924:

## RECEIPTS

### TAXES

#### Current Year:

Poll,	\$ 5,134.00		
Personal,	111,414.29		
Real Estate,	216,667.98	\$333,216.27	

#### Previous Years:

Poll,	241.00		
Personal,	16,244.92		
Real Estate,	30,482.56		
Street Sprinkling,	275.81	47,244.29	

#### From State

Corp. Tax, Publil Service	40,678.15		
Corp. Tax, Business,	8,688.61		
Income Tax,	27,695.02		
National Bank Tax,	466.60		
Reimbursement,	76 88	77,605.26	458,065.82

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## LICENSES AND PERMITS

Junk,	\$156.00		..
Peddlers,	30.00		
Sunday,	51.00		
Pool, Billiard and Bowling,	110.00		
Garages, Auto and Agents,	38.00		
All Other,	101.00	486.00	486.00

## FINES AND FORFEITS

Court Fines,	\$661.34	661.34	661.34
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## GRANTS AND GIFTS

Dog Licenses,	\$956.14	956.14	956.14
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## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealing Weights and Measures	\$173.20	173.20	173.20
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## HEALTH

## Health:

Tuberculosis,	\$ 49.28		
Subsidies from State,	10.00	59.28	

## Licenses:

Alcohol,	20.00		
Day Nursery,	3.00		
Druggist,	3.00		
Bottling,	20.00		
Milk and Oleomargarine,	53.00		
Undertaker's,	4.00	103.00	162.28

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## HIGHWAYS

Sewer Permits,	\$1,225.00		
Sale of Old Materials,	23.50		
Bridge Repairs,	420.74		
Sidewalks and Curbing,	3,435.95	5,105.19	5,105.19

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## CHARITIES

## Town Farm:

Sale of Produce,	\$1,408.24		
Sale of Wood, Hides, etc.	659.41		
Board for Inmates,	2,039.72	4,107.37	

## Reimbursements:

State,	1,058.65		
Insurance Cr.,	14.57	1,073.22	
State Aid,	186.00	186.00	5,366.59

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## EDUCATION

Tuition State Wards,	\$ 76.50		
Other Tuition,	7,569.41		
Sale of Books and Supplies,	86.38		
Rent, etc.,	837.78	8,570.11	8,570.11



## CEMETERY

Sale of Lots,	\$ 359.00		
Care of Lots,	1,246.75		
Grading,	100.75		
Opening,	461.00		
Foundations,	247.66		
Sale of Posts,	26.00	2,441.16	2,441.16

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## INTEREST

On Deposits,	\$ 893.77		
On Taxes,	2,286.96		
On Perpetual Care Funds,	695.28		
On Merrick Fund,	38.26		
On Thompson Fund,	42.80	3,957.07	3,957.07

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## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Anticipation of Taxes,	\$250,000.00		
General Loans,	29,000.00	279,000.00	279,000.00

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## AGENCY AND TRUST

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	\$750.00	750.00	750.00
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## REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Forest Fires,	\$ 9.90		
Cemetery Dept.,	200.00		
Memorial Day,	5.00		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:			
War Bonus Fund Surplus,	5,045.11		
Abolition of Grade Crossing,	30.93		
Education,	944.46		
Civilian War Poll Tax,	9.00		
Accrued Interest on Loans,	30.81	6,275.21	6,275.21

Total Receipts,	\$771,970.11
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1924,	66,952.21
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	\$838,022.32



## PAYMENTS

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
Selectmen:			
Salaries,	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	
Clerk,	50.00	50.00	
Other Expenses,	500.00		
Stationery, Postage and Supplies,		27.05	
Printing and Advertising,		139.22	
Transportation,		105.80	
Telephone,		106.41	
All Other,		118.95	2.57
Selectmen's Contingent,	1,100.00		
Contingent from Reserve Fund	1,382.50		
Town House,		25.50	
Highways,		6.00	
Town Dump,		249.00	
Soldiers' Exemption,		7.81	
Soldiers' Relief,		1,082.50	
Fires Outside District,		307.00	
Surveying,		198.90	
Services for Committee of Fifteen,		60.00	
Insurance,		312.63	
Auto List,		50.00	
Sundry Items,		311.73	-128.57
Auditing and Accounting:			
Auditing 1923 Acct.,	90.00	90.00	
Accounting,	1,290.00	1,200.00	90.00
Treasury:			
Salary,	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Bond and Other Expenses,	325.00		
Bond,		125.00	

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
Equipment and Supplies,		19.50	
Stationery and Postage,		81.66	
Printing and Adv.,		32.00	
All Other,		18.00	48.84
Collector's:			
Salary on 1920 Acct.,		75.00	
Salary on 1923 Acct.,		135.00	
Salary on 1924 Acct.,	1,200.00	900.00	300.00
Bond and Other Expenses	500.00		
Stationery and Postage,		136.33	
Printing and Adv.,		85.38	
Telephone,		24.00	
Bond,		200.00	
Special Work,		19.60	
All Other,		51.37	-16.68
Assessors':			
Salary,	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Clerk,	350.00	350.00	
Other Expenses,	1,000.00		
Stationery and Postage,		3.93	
Printing and Adv.,		661.20	
Trans. and Meals,		191.87	
All Other,		79.71	63.29
License Commissioners:			
	25.00		
Clerical Work,		5.00	
Auto Hire,		5.00	
Printing,		6.75	8.25
Law:			
	1,500.00		
Claim,		150.00	
Stenographer,		41.18	
Services of Counsel,		522.14	786.68

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
Town Clerk:			
Salary,	450.00	450.00	
Other Expenses,	100.00		
Postage,		2.00	
Printing and Adv.,		12.95	
Telephone,		18.01	
Sundry Items,		4.85	62.19
Election and Registration:	1,200.00		
Registrars,		100.00	
Precinct Officers,		517.00	
Primary Officers,		150.00	
Voting Booths,		205.80	
Stationery, Printing and Advertising,		364.01	
Rent,		76.00	
Trans. and Meals,		45.85	
Sundry Items,		151.92	-410.58
Town Offices:	1,340.00		
Rent,		1,160.00	
Care,		186.40	
Light,		46.55	-52.95
Town Engineer:	50.00		
Services,		50.00	
Memorial Hall Insurance:	200.00		
Insurance,		188.80	11.20
Repairs of Town House:	6,100.00		
Labor,		3,199.96	
Materials and Tools,		1,695.42	
Heating Contract,		1,103.60	
Equipment,		98.52	2.50
World War Record:	300.00		
Expenses,		91.42	208.58
Counsel for Swift River:	500.00		500.00
Total for General Government,		\$22,387.18	

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY			
Police:			
Salaries:			
Chief of Police,	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	
Deputy Chief,	2,000.00	1,858.26	141.74
Day Patrolman,	1,800.00	1,500.00	300.00
Night Police,	2,737.50	2,737.50	
Special Police,	1,000.00	628.00	372.00
Other Expenses,	100.00		
Other Expenses from			
Reserve Fund,	200.00		
Light,		41.17	
Telephone,		55.28	
Furnishings,		129.75	
Printing,		10.00	
All Other,		62.50	1.30
Care, Rent and Fuel,			
for Lockup	1,490.00		
Care,		240.00	
Rent and Fuel,		1,050.00	
All Other,		42.12	157.88
Office of Chief,	300.00		
Rent,		180.00	
Light,		18.90	101.10
Equipment for Men,	200.00		
Equipment,		193.00	7.00
Suppression of Illegal Sales,	\$ 200.00		
Services of Counsel,		50.00	150.00
Support of District Court,	500.00		500.00
Fire:			
Insurance and Care			
Auto Fire Truck,	475.00		
Labor,		53.00	
Equipment and Supplies		28.49	
Repairs,		37.85	
Insurance,		3.50	
All Other,		.47	351.60

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
<b>Sealing Weights and Measures:</b>			
Salary,	500.00	500.00	
Other Expenses,	100.00		
Equipment and Repairs,		16.15	
Transportation,		107.50	
Printing, Stationery, etc.,		8.96	-32.61
<b>Moths:</b>	800.00		
Labor,		706.00	
Transportation,		84.00	
Printing,		4.75	
Sundry Items,		4.80	.45
<b>Tree:</b>			
Warden,	100.00		100.00
Planting,	150.00	144.00	6.00
Preservation,	250.00	228.55	21.45
<b>Forest Warden:</b>	800.00		
<b>Forest Warden from Cont'g.,</b>	1,006.91		
Labor,		1,568.20	
Transportation,		77.90	
Meals,		32.30	
Hose,		32.25	
Telephone,		26.57	
Repairs,		22.07	
Oil and Gasoline,		21.10	
Sundry Items,		26.52	
<b>Total for</b>			
Protection of Persons and Property,		\$15,031.41	

### HEALTH

#### Health:

Salary of Board	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
Clerical Work,	100.00	100.00
Other Expenses,	1,500.00	
Printing and Stationery,		6.87
Telephone,		25.86

Department	Appropriations and		Balance
	Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	
Hospitals,		817.60	
Board and Treatment,		530.56	
Fumigation,		9.98	
Sundry Items,		29.98	79.15
Vital Statistics,	700.00		
Births,		424.50	
Deaths,		88.00	
<b>Marriages,</b>		45.50	142.00
Inspection,	1,000.00		
Animal,		326.84	
Meat,		217.25	
Milk,		222.81	233.10
District Nurse,	500.00	500.00	
Total for Health,		\$3,520.75	

## HIGHWAYS

<b>General Repairs:</b>	\$15,000.00		
<b>Superintendent,</b>		\$1,075.06	
Labor,		6,389.15	
Teams,		2,820.24	
Broken Stone,			
Gravel and Oil,		1,919.86	
Equipment and Repairs,		2,067.12	
<b>Fuel,</b>		104.25	
Freight,		190.40	
Sundry Items,		230.11	203.81
<b>Removal of Snow and Ice:</b>	2,000.00		
Supt.,		193.38	
Labor,		660.57	
Teams,		559.08	
<b>Materials,</b>		38.57	
Sundry Items,		54.17	494.23
<b>Street Sprinkling: 1923 Balance,</b>	664.70		
Teams,		432.00	
Water,		120.00	
<b>Repairs,</b>		12.25	100.45



Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
<b>Purchase of Truck,</b>	850.00	850.00	
<b>Bridge Repairs:</b>	1,500.00		
<b>Bridge Repairs</b>			
<b>from Reserve Fund,</b>	849.25		
Supt.,		140.88	
Labor,		648.69	
Teams,		190.98	
Materials,		1,282.46	
Signs,		81.90	
Freight, etc.,		4.34	
<b>Railings,</b>	400.00		
Supt.,		9.63	
Labor,		216.74	
Teams,		15.40	
Lumber, Posts, etc.,		158.23	
<b>Repairs on Burleigh Bridge</b>	150.00		
Supt.,		22.75	
Labor,		69.80	
Teams,		29.40	
Cement and Equipment,		17.00	<b>11.05</b>
<b>Fay Bridge</b>			
Appropriation and Loan,	10,000.00		
<b>Article 51,</b>	23,281.00		
<b>Four Corners to Burleigh's</b>			
Contract,		5,781.00	
<b>Commercial St. to Lake Junction:</b>			
Contract,		3,000.00	
<b>Bridge to Prospect Street:</b>			
Supt.,		59.50	
Labor,		281.95	
Teams,		109.43	
Materials,		711.22	
Surveying,		331.64	
Freight, etc.,		127.15	<b>12,879.11</b>
<b>South Main Street</b>			
Appropriation and Loan,	25,000.00		<b>25,000.00</b>

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
<b>Highland Street,</b>	<b>300.00</b>		
Supt.,		18.37	
Labor,		222.35	
Teams,		59.28	
<b>Brown Street,</b>	<b>350.00</b>		
Supt.,		20.12	
Labor,		245.25	
Teams,		84.63	
<b>Sidewalks and Curbing:</b>			
General Construction and Repairs,			
	<b>3,650.00</b>		
Labor,		500.65	
Supt.,		49.13	
Teams,		192.87	
Materials,		970.73	
Sundry Items,		154.95	
Contract Work,		1,781.67	
North Main Street,	<b>500.00</b>		
North Main Street,			
Balance of 1923 Appr., <b>2,274.46</b>			
Supt.,		19.25	
Labor,		39.35	
Teams,		13.20	
Surveying,		15.00	
Contract Work,		2,539.19	<b>148.47</b>
<b>Commercial St. to</b>			
Miller Property,	<b>3,800.00</b>		
Supt.,		74.25	
Labor,		903.95	
Teams,		268.43	
Curbing,		1,411.99	
Freight,		212.14	
Sundry,		51.63	
Contract Work,		877.61	
<b>Article 48 and Art. 5</b>			
of March 17, 1924,			
Converse Street "A"	<b>11,575.00</b>		
Supt.,		30.63	
Labor,		359.25	

Department	Appropriations and		Balance
	Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	
Teams,		91.40	
Materials,		247.16	
Sundry Items,		96.82	
Contract Work,		915.49	
North Street, "B"			
Supt.,		13.13	
Labor,		151.45	
Teams,		24.37	
Curbing,		165.48	
Surveying,		41.00	
Freight,		27.02	
Main St., Three Rivers, "D"			
Supt.,		123.25	
Labor,		927.70	
Teams,		374.30	
Materials,		1,329.63	
Surveying,		106.25	
Freight,		209.94	
Contract Work,		2,160.63	
Pleasant Street, Three Rivers, "C"			
Supt.,		24.62	
Labor,		223.60	
Teams,		134.73	
Curbing,		458.29	
Surveying,		32.00	
Freight,		21.45	
Contract Work,		657.77	
East Main Street to Wenimesset School			
Article 5 of Mar. 17, 1924			
Supt.,		5.25	
Labor,		175.20	
Teams,		41.85	
Surveying,		25.00	
Contract Work,		758.85	1,621.49

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
<b>Sewers and Culverts:</b>			
General Repairs,	2,500.00		
General Repairs, Reserve Fund,	463.29		
Supt.,		219.49	
Labor,		1,459.69	
Teams,		258.79	
Equipment,		34.69	
Cement and Fittings,		893.89	
Surveying,		81.50	
Sundry Items,		15.24	
<b>Pine and Brown Streets,</b>	<b>4,400.00</b>		
Supt.,		72.63	
Labor,		1,242.50	
Teams,		139.92	
Tel., etc.,		1,233.20	
Surveying,		260.50	
Freight, etc.,		16.87	1,434.38
<b>North Main Street,</b>	<b>1,325.00</b>		
Supt., ..		35.88	
Labor,		369.05	
Teams,		23.17	
Materials and Fittings,		313.73	
Sundry Items,		65.73	517.44
<b>Squier Street,</b>	<b>484.00</b>		
Supt.,		9.63	
Labor,		179.45	
Teams,		33.37	
Materials and Fittings		103.50	
Freight, etc.,		6.18	151.87
<b>Article 50:</b>			
Orchard Street,	4,735.00		
Surveying,		30.00	
Tile,		246.24	
Contract Work,		2,521.50	
High Street, Thorndike Supt.,		9.63	

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
Labor,		94.30	
Teams,		4.12	
Materials,		107.02	
Surveying,		15.00	
Freight,		.53	
Three Rivers to Thorndike:			
Surveying,		30.00	
Labor,		12.40	
Teams,		2.40	
Materials,		315.90	
Contract Work,		803.20	542.43
Street Lighting,	9,919.90		
Contract,		9,767.04	152.86
Store House Repairs,	1,500.00		
Supt.,		33.24	
Labor,		400.50	
Team,		34.89	
Materials,		997.48	
Freight,		33.89	
Damage Claims,			
South Main Street and Monson Road,	1,000.00		1,000.00
Total for Highways,		\$74,213.98	

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#### CHARITIES

Salaries,	\$ 455.00	\$ 455.00
Support of Poor,	12,000.00	
Contingent Fund,	1,000.00	
Town Physician,	150.00	150.00
Clerical Assistance,	200.00	200.00
Income Thompson Fund,	42..80	
Town Farm:		
Warden,		1,175.00

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
Labor,		977.14	
Groceries and Provisions,		564.21	
Dry Goods and Clothing,		28.10	
Fuel and Light,		532.42	
Hay and Grain,		981.68	
Repairs,		185.09	
Equipment,		236.88	
Shingling and Re- pairing Roof,		1,018.89	
Telephone,		28.80	
Sundry Items,		381.93	
Outside Poor:			
Rent,		1,616.78	
Groceries and Provisions,		6,069.30	
Coal and Wood,		1,261.00	
Board and Care,		345.96	
Medicine and Medi- cal Attendance,		210.97	
Cash,		767.37	
Stationery, Postage and Printing,		46.25	
Sundry Items,		86.28	-3,471.35
Wing Memorial Hospital:			
Board and Treatment,	500.00	182.89	317.11
Soldiers' Benefits:			
State Aid,		216.00	
Total for Charities,		\$17,719.94	



## EDUCATION

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
<b>School:</b>			
General Fund,	<b>\$181,738.58</b>		
Smith-Hughes Fund,	273.66		
Superintendent,		\$4,378.36	
Grade Supervisor,		1,408.32	
Clerical Work,		2,248.82	
Truant Officer,		57.50	
Printing, Stationery and Postage,		276.20	
Telephone,		381.29	
Traveling Expenses,		68.06	
Sundry Items,		104.12	
<b>Teachers' Salaries:</b>			
High,		17,543.75	
Elementary,		68,606.54	
Retirement,		2,950.75	
<b>Text Books and Supplies:</b>			
<b>High:</b>			
Text and Refer- ence Books,		819.43	
All Other,		2,463.36	
<b>Elementary:</b>			
Text and Refer- ence Books,		1,529.69	
All Other,		2,194.45	
<b>Transportation:</b>			
High,		3,067.02	
Elementary,		5,137.30	
<b>Janitors' Services:</b>			
High,		2,081.64	
Elementary,		5,761.93	
<b>Fuel and Light:</b>			
High,		3,223.04	
Elementary,		11,374.20	

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
Maintenance of Build- ings and Grounds:			
High:			
Repairs,		497.63	
Janitors' Supplies,		215.35	
All Other,		875.88	
Elementary:			
Repairs,		5,912.99	
Janitors' Supplies,		294.25	
All Other,		1211.31	
Furniture and Furnishings,			
High,		699.84	
Elementary,		365.85	
Other Expenses:			
Tuition, High,		698.76	
Tuition, Elementary,		1,278.09	
Diplomas and Grad- uating Exercises,		112.20	
Miscellaneous Printing,		318.51	
Nurse,		1,379.12	
Lunch Room,		646.50	
Insurance,		1,542.96	
Medical Inspection,		800.00	
Sundry Items,		1,115.58	
Music, Manual Training and Drawing:			
Music Instructor,		650.00	
Music Books and Supplies,		175.59	
Manual Training and Drawing Instructor,		1,494.17	
Drawing Materials,		568.47	
Retirement,		69.00	
Sundry Items,		56.60	

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
Commercial:			
Instruction,		2,827.25	
Assistance,		5,381.50	
Retirement,		264.25	
Text and Reference			
Books,		201.98	
Supplies,		258.40	
Machines,		705.60	
Sundry Items,		20.98	
Continuation:			
Superintendent,		55.00	
Instructors,		3,603.46	
Clerical Work,		210.00	
Retirement,		184.00	
Janitors,		610.75	
Rent,		305.00	
Equipment and Supplies,		969.70	
Text Books,		69.72	
Transportation,		394.75	
Sundry Items,		266.19	
Americanization:			
Principal,		250.00	
Instructors,		1,503.44	
Janitor,		96.00	
Transportation,		21.00	
Playground:			
Attendants,		1,841.00	
Janitor,		120.00	
Equipment,		204.27	
Supplies,		52.34	
Transportation,		40.95	
Sundry Items,		109.70	
Repairs:			
High:			
Carpentry,		14.85	
Plumbing,		12.41	

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
Materials,		18.45	
Sundry Items,		38.98	
Elementary:			
Carpentry,		130.00	
Plumbing,		174.99	
Materials,		3,123.72	
Sundry Items,		270.95	6.23
	Total for Education,	\$182,006.01	
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NEW HIGH SCHOOL			
Contract Work,		26,608.81	
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THREE RIVERS SCHOOL			
Balance of Contract,		\$ 785.26	
Lumber,		301.74	
	Total,	1,087.00	
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LIBRARY			
Young Men's Library Ass'n,	\$ 4,600.00	\$4,600.00	
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UNCLASSIFIED			
Memorial Day,	\$ 200.00	191.82	8.18
Town Clock,	50.00	50.00	
Printing and Distributing			
Town Reports,	1,200.00	922.50	277.50
Hampden County Tu-			
bercular Hospital,	1,426.96	1,426.96	
Agricultural Demonstration,	500.00	500.00	
Workmen's Compensation			
Insurance,	800.00	927.80	-127.80
	Total for Unclassified,	\$4,019.08	

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
<b>CEMETERIES</b>			
Care and Maintenance,	\$ 3,000.00		
Transfer from Cemetery Com- missioners' Interest Fund,	200.00		
Secretary,		150.00	
Labor,		2,556.31	
Teams,		129.00	
Tools, Equipment, etc.,		101.79	
Loam and Gravel,		67.90	
Shrubs, etc.,		124.40	
Sundry Items,		91.63	-21.03
Total for Cemeteries,		\$3,221.03	

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**CEMETERY FENCE**

Labor and Materials,	\$4,300.00		
Wire Fence,		4,127.00	
Labor,		110.00	
Team,		24.00	39.00

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**CARE OF NEGLECTED GRAVES**

Care of			
Neglected Graves,	\$250.00		
Supervision, Labor			
Teams,		219.00	31.00

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**INTEREST**

Temporary and General Loans:			
Anticipation of Taxes,	\$4,000.00	\$4,106.34	-106.34
Maturing Debt,	13,052.50		
High School Loan,		160.00	
New High School Loan,		7,692.50	
New High School Loan, Series "B"		850.00	

Three Rivers School,	2,150.00
Bondsville	
Grammar School,	1,360.00
North Main Street,	840.00
Cemetery Perpetual	
Care Fund, (Transfer)	695.28
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Total for Interest,	\$17,854.12

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#### MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

<b>Temporary Loans:</b>	
Anticipation of Taxes,	\$250,000.00
<b>General Loans:</b>	
High School,	1,000.00
New High School,	11,000.00
Three Rivers School,	6,000.00
Bondsville	
Grammar School,	2,000.00
Highway	
Improvement Loan,	2,000.00
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Total for Municipal Indebtedness,	\$272,000.00

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#### AGENCY AND TRUST

<b>Agency:</b>	
State Tax,	\$19,100.00
County Tax,	11,283.19
State Highway Tax,	8,795.36
<b>Trust:</b>	
Cemetery Per-	
petual Care Fund,	750.00
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Total for Agency and Trust:	\$39,928.55

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Total Payments,	\$707,884.50
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1924,	130,137.82
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	\$838,022.32



**The figures below show the amounts transferred from the "Reserve Fund" to the following accounts:**

Police Department,	\$ 200.00
Bridge Repairs,	849.25
Sewers and Culverts,	463.29
Forest Fires,	1,006.91
Selectmen's Contingent,	300.00
Selectmen's Contingent for use of Soldiers' Relief	1,087.50

**This leaves a balance of**

**\$1,098.05**

Submitted by  
**HARRIETTE PAINE,**  
 Bookkeeper.

# Trial Balance

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	Dr.	Cr.
J. A. Hawkes, Taxes 1913 .....	\$ 362.05	
J. A. Hawkes, Taxes 1914 .....		12.48
J. A. Hawkes, Taxes 1915 .....	1,519.02	
J. A. Hawkes, Taxes 1916 .....	2,348.76	
J. A. Hawkes, Taxes 1917 .....	2,965.26	
J. A. Hawkes, Taxes 1913-1917 .....		1,352.87
J. T. Brown, Taxes 1921 .....	25.02	
J. T. Brown, Taxes 1922 .....	163.95	
J. T. Brown, Taxes 1923 .....	1,734.22	
J. T. Brown, Taxes 1924 .....	37,732.02	
J. T. Brown, Street Sprinkling 1921	4.18	
J. T. Brown, Street Sprinkling 1922		29.35
J. T. Brown, Street Sprinkling 1923		27.78
Street Spr., Assessment Revenue 1921		20.64
Street Spr., Assessment Revenue 1922		24.68
Street Spr., Assessment Revenue 1923		173.36
Overlay 1913 .....		374.41
Overlay 1915 .....		1,393.37
Overlay 1916 .....		1,119.80
Overlay 1917 .....		2,252.85
Overlay 1921 .....		908.62
Overlay 1922 .....	1,087.86	
Overlay 1923 .....		2,410.63
Overlay 1924 .....		2,973.73
C. of Mass. War Bonus .....		840.00
Cemetery Dept. Bills Receivable .....	10.00	
C. of M. Mothers' Aid .....	133.94	
C. of Mass. Charities .....	165.01	
Support of Poor, (Worcester) .....	13.00	
C. of M., B. of H. Subsidies .....	77.13	
Support of Poor (LaCroix) .....	46.00	
Sidewalks, E. Main St., Three Rivers	52.80	
Sidewalks, Bridge St., Three Rivers	129.76	
Sidewalks, Main St., Three Rivers ....	59.80	

Sidewalks (1923) .....	550.71	
Sidewalks, No. Main "A" .....	725.75	
Sidewalks, High St., "A" (John Chiss) .....	47.00	
Hampden R. R. Br. Rep. ....	127.86	
Town of Monson, Hamp. R. R. Br. Rep. ....	18.07	
State Aid .....	309.83	
Reserve Fund Account Abatements ....		7,857.97
Estimated Receipts .....		55,147.43
Dept. Rev. 1922 .....		494.29
Dept. Rev. 1923 .....		560.71
Dept. Rev. 1924 .....		5,549.59
Revenue 1924 .....	27,542.31	
Excess and Deficiency .....		60,201.86
Selectmen's Other Expenses .....		2.57
Selectmen's Contingent Account .....	128.57	
Assessors' Other Expenses .....		63.29
Auditing and Accounting .....		90.00
Collector's Salary .....		450.00
Collector's Salary 1921 .....		85.00
Collector's Salary 1922 .....		75.00
Collector's Salary 1923 .....		90.00
Collector's Salary 1924 .....		300.00
Collector's Bond and Other Expenses .....	16.68	
Town Clerk's Other Expenses .....		62.19
Law Department .....		786.68
Swift River Counsel .....		500.00
License Commissioners' Expenses ....		8.25
Treas.' Dept., Bond and Other Expenses .....		48.84
Election and Registration .....	410.58	
Town Offices .....	52.95	
Town House Repairs .....		2.50
Memorial Hall Insurance .....		11.20
World War Record .....		208.58
Department of Police .....		141.74
Day Patrolman .....		300.00
Special Police .....		372.00
Police Expenses and Reimbursements .....		1.30
Police Equipment .....		7.00
Illegal Sales .....		150.00
Lockup, Care, Rent, etc. ....		157.88
Police Office .....		101.10
Support District Court .....		500.00
Ins. and Care Auto Fire Truck .....		351.69
Sealer's Other Expenses .....	32.61	

Tree Warden .....		100.00
Preservation of Trees .....		21.45
Planting Trees .....		6.00
Moth Department .....		.45
Vital Statistics .....		142.00
Board of Health Clerical Assistance .....		79.15
Board of Health Inspections .....		233.10
North Main Street Sidewalk .....		148.47
General Highway Repairs .....		292.21
Snow Removal .....		405.83
Bridge Repairs, Burleigh's .....		11.05
Bridge Repairs, Fay .....		10,000.00
Bridge to Prospect St., Art. 51 .....		12,879.11
South Main Street .....		25,000.00
Orchard Street, Palmer .....		542.46
Sidewalks, Main Street, Three Rivers .....		1,621.49
Street Sprinkling .....		100.45
Street Lighting .....		152.86
Overseers of Poor, General .....	3,471.25	
Wing Memorial Hospital .....		317.11
Three Rivers School .....		1,453.23
High School .....		5,113.74
Educational Total .....		6.23
Memorial Day .....		13.18
Workmen's Compensation Insurance .....	127.80	
Town Reports .....		277.50
Reserve Fund .....		1,098.65
Care of Cemetery .....	21.03	
Neglected Graves .....		31.00
Cemetery Fund .....		39.00
Interest on Temporary Loans .....	106.34	
George E. Clough .....	2.68	
Three Rivers School Loan .....		2,000.00
New High School Loan .....		190,000.00
Bondsville Grammar School Loan ....		31,000.00
High School Loan .....		3,000.00
North Main Street Loan .....		12,000.00
Three Rivers School Loan .....		35,000.00
Net Bonded Debt .....	302,000.00	
Trust Funds .....	22,931.09	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .....		20,446.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Income Acct. ....		683.81
Merrick Fund .....		850.00
Thompson Fund .....		951.28



# Sealer of Weights and Measures

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## Subsequent Report

**NOTE:—**The following is part of the Sealer of Weights and Measures Report which through an oversight was not sent in with the main part of the report and is inserted here per order of Selectmen. See Page 33 for other part of report.

Reweighings of Flour	34
Reweighings of Dry Commodities	85
Reweighings of Ice	4
Reweighings of Fruit and Vegetables	16
Reweighings of Bread	88
Inspections of Clinical Thermometers	28
Inspections of Hawkers and Peddlers' License	2
Inspections of Platform Scales	34
Inspections of Gasoline Pumps	8
Inspections of Milk Cans	28
Special Scales Inspection	3

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LOUIS LEVEILLEE,  
Sealer Weights and Measures.



# Auditors' Report

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We have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Sealer of Weights and Measures, and Secretary of the Cemetery Commissioners for the year 1924, and beg to submit the following:

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## TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

Balance on hand, January 1st, 1924,	\$66,052.21	
Receipts during year,	771,970.11	
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	\$838,022.32	
Total paid out on warrants and orders during year,	707,884.50	
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Balance on hand December 31, 1924,	\$130,137.82	

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## ACCOUNTS OF J. A. HAWKES, TAX COLLECTOR

We find that nothing has been paid to the Town Treasurer on this account.

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## ACCOUNTS OF J. T. BROWN, TAX COLLECTOR

### ACCOUNT OF 1920

Outstanding January 1, 1924,	\$40.75	
Interest,	8.22	48.97
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Paid Treasurer,		48.97
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## ACCOUNT OF 1921

Outstanding January 1, 1924,	\$2,302.95	
Interest,	<u>139.87</u>	2,442.82
Paid Treasurer,	1,334.31	
Abatements,	<u>1,085.87</u>	2,420.18
Outstanding December 31, 1924,		\$22.64

## ACCOUNT OF 1922

Outstanding January 1, 1924,	\$7,069.19	
Interest,	<u>495.49</u>	7,564.68
Paid Treasurer,	5,614.89	
Abatements,	<u>1,815.03</u>	7,429.92
Outstanding December 31, 1924,		\$134.76

## ACCOUNT OF 1923

Outstanding January 1, 1924,	\$43,062.26	
Interest,	<u>1,250.95</u>	44,313.21
Paid Treasurer,	42,140.65	
Abatements,	<u>466.12</u>	42,606.77
Outstanding December 31, 1924,		1,706.44

## ACCOUNTS OF 1924

Assessors' Warrants to be collected,	\$371,832.09	
Interest,	<u>392.43</u>	372,224.52
Paid Treasurer,	333,608.70	
Abatements,	<u>883.80</u>	334,492.59
Outstanding December 31, 1924,		\$37,732.02

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Balance due January 1, 1924,	\$85.16
163 visits made as per records—	
Total Collected for 1924	84.23
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Total due December 31, 1924,	169.39
Paid Town Treasurer,	173.20
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Overpaid,	\$ 3.81

## DOG LICENSES

Licenses issued:		
Males, 393 @ \$2.00,	\$786.00	
Spayed Females, 53 @ \$2.00,	106.00	
Females, 60 @ \$5.00,	300.00	
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		\$1,192.00
Payments to County Treasurer:		
June 2, 1924	1,039.80	
Dec. 1, 1924,	51.00	
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	1,090.80	
Fees Deducted,	101.20	
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		\$1,192.00

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Appropriation,	\$3,000.00	
Additional,	221.03	\$3,221.03
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Expenditures,		\$3,221.03
Amounts collected and paid Town Treasurer as follows:		
Sale of Lots,	\$359.00	
Care of Lots,	1,246.75	
Grading,	100.75	
Opening Graves,	461.00	
Foundations,	247.66	
All Others,	26.00	\$2,441.16
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## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS FUND

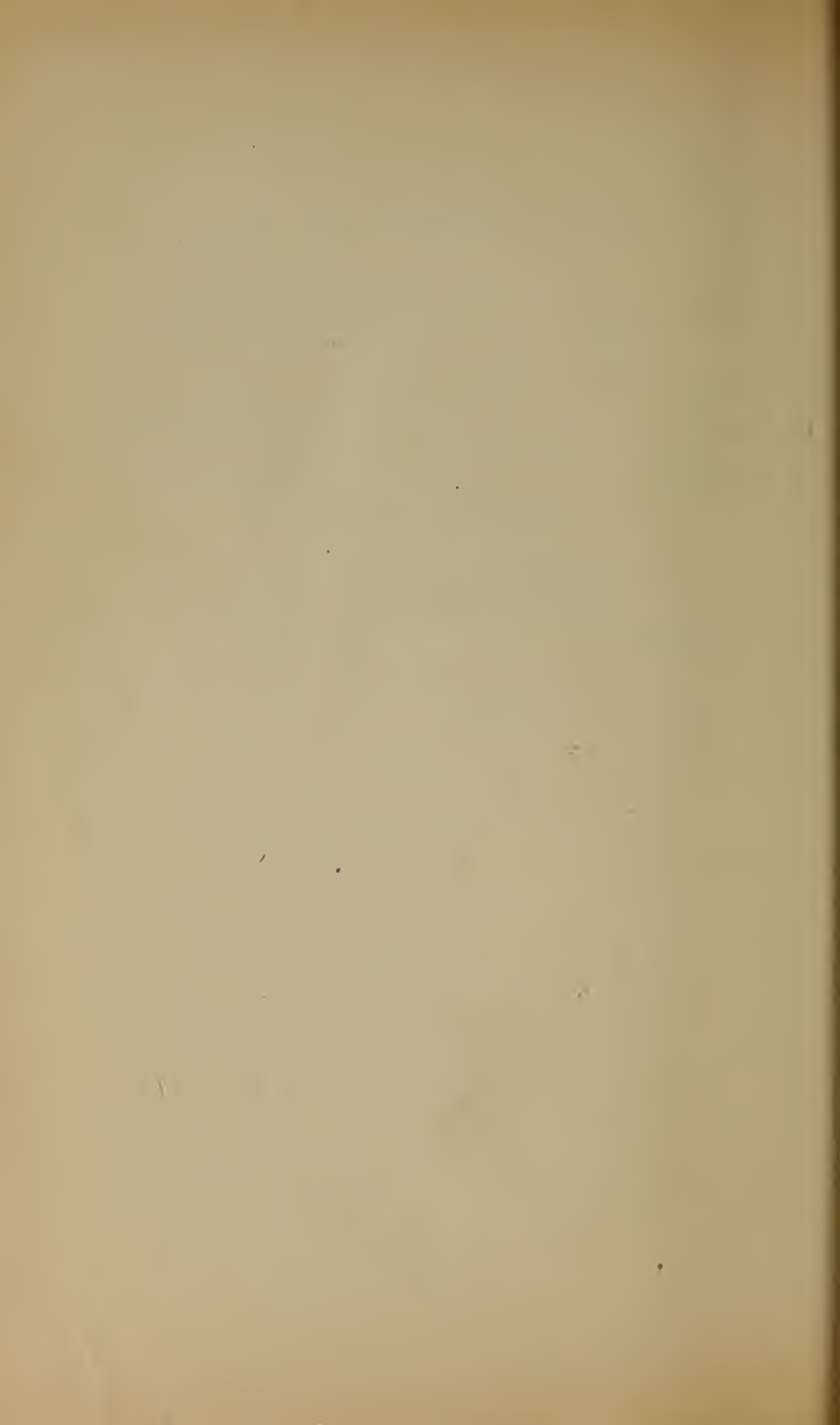
Balance, Jan. 1, 1924,		\$1,225.47
Interest to Dec. 31, 1924,		967.88
Care of lots for year,	771.00	\$2,193.35
General Care, .	200.00	
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	971.00	971.00
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1924,		\$1,222.35
Perpetual Care Fund, Dec. 31, 1924,		\$20,896.00

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. WILDER,  
 FRANCIS J. HORGAN,  
 HOWARD S. CURTIS.

Auditors.







TOWN OF PALMER

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SCHOOL REPORT

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For the Year Ending  
December 31, 1924



# School Committee, 1924-1925

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Harry M. Parsons, Chairman

Clifton H. Hobson, Secretary

Harold M. Parsons,	Term expires 1927
Dr. John F. Roche,	Term expires 1927
Dr. Charles Giroux,	Term expires 1926
George L. Warfield,	Term expires 1926
John F. Shea,	Term expires 1925
Jeremiah J. Kelley,	Term expires 1925

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at 7:30 p. m. on the Tuesday before the last Friday of each school month.

All bills must be in the hands of the Superintendent on the Monday before the above date.

Superintendent of Schools, Clifton H. Hobson.  
Office, High School Building. Telephone 54-M.  
Office Hours:—8 a. m. to 12 m., 1 to 5 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.; Tuesday 7 to 8 p. m., except the Tuesday before the last Friday of each school month.

## ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Patrick McKelligett,	Depot
Charles Thomas,	Depot
T. J. Crimmins,	Depot
Patrick Nagle,	Thorndike
D. V. Fogarty,	Three Rivers
William Smith,	Three Rivers
John Mansfield,	Bondsville
Arthur Bennett,	Forest Lake
Edmund L. Guerin,	Town

## JANITORS

Patrick McKelligett,	Palmer
Jerry Sullivan,	Palmer
Herbert Blanchard,	Palmer
Patrick Nagle,	Thorndike
Charles Fuller,	Bondsville
William Smith,	Three Rivers

# Calendar

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## HIGH SCHOOL

Winter term begins December 29, 1924; ends February 20, 1925.  
Spring term begins March 2, 1925; ends April 24, 1925.  
Summer term begins May 4, 1925; ends June 26, 1925.  
Fall term begins September 8, 1925; ends December 24, 1925.  
Winter term begins January 4, 1926; ends February 26, 1926.  
Spring term begins March 8, 1926; ends April 30, 1926.  
Summer term begins May 10, 1926; ends July 2, 1926.

## OTHER SCHOOLS

Winter term begins December 29, 1924; ends February 20, 1925.  
Spring term begins March 2, 1925; ends April 24, 1925.  
Summer term begins May 4, 1925; ends June 12, 1925.  
Fall term begins September 8, 1925; ends December 24, 1925.  
Winter term begins January 4, 1926; ends February 26, 1926.  
Spring term begins March 8, 1926; ends April 30, 1926.  
Summer term begins May 10, 1926; ends June 18, 1926.

## VACATIONS—ALL SCHOOLS

Winter—February 27, 1926, to March 7, 1926, inclusive.  
Spring—April 25, 1925, to May 3, 1925, inclusive.  
Summer—(Grades): June 13, 1925, to September 7, 1925, inclusive.  
                  (High): June 27, 1925, to September 7, 1925, inclusive.  
Fall—December 25, 1925, to January 3, 1926, inclusive.  
Winter—February 27, 1926, to March 7, 1926; inclusive.  
Spring—May 1, 1926, to May 9, 1926, inclusive.  
Summer—(Grades): June 19, 1926, to September 6, 1926, inclusive.  
                  (High): July 3, 1926, to September 6, 1926, inclusive.

## HOLIDAYS

Washington's Birthday, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, **Labor Day**,  
Columbus Day, Convention Day, Thanksgiving (with day following).

# Report of School Committee

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To the Citizens of the Town of Palmer:

Your School Committee organized at its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 26th, 1924, with the same members in office as during the preceding year. The usual appointment of subcommittees, Medical Inspectors, Janitors and Attendance Officers was made at this meeting.

C. H. Hobson was re-elected Superintendent of the Palmer Public Schools on April 17, 1924.

One of the first acts of the Committee was to conduct an investigation into the results of the midyear examination system inaugurated several years ago to raise the standard of our pupils, especially in the three R's. This system seems to be bearing fruit, as seven-ninths of all of our pupils secured 70% or better for an average in all examinations.

On account of the demand for, the scarcity of, and the general underpaid condition of our, teachers, a new system of reimbursement was made effective early in 1924. This system takes into consideration the grade and the years of service of the teacher, thus, in a modest way, compensating for years of faithfulness to the Town of Palmer.

While this does not involve a heavy increase in the cost of teaching nor place the Palmer school teacher on a basis comparable with some of our neighboring towns, it, nevertheless, seems to be an improvement over the old system that did not recognize either grade nor years

of employment. Your Committee believes that the system now effective will automatically take care of the teachers' compensation unless there is some radical change in the teaching **situation.**

In expending the school appropriation, your Committee and Superintendent have always been mindful of the trust reposed in the them by the citizens of the Town; have sincerely striven to make every dollar count; and have endeavored to provide the best available housing, equipment and teachers that the funds would allow.

Our aim has been to provide full publicity of our activities as well as those of the schools, and, to that end, the schools were thrown open to public inspection on two occasions during the past year. While the public is always welcome to visit the schools at any time they are in session, special invitations were extended on these two occasions in order that those interested might really see just what nature of work was being done in the schools.

The Committee urges the citizens to visit to see and be convinced, for seeing is to be convinced, that the school system as applied in Palmer is truly worthy of commendation and not condemnation.

Physical inspection of the school properties has been made by the Committee. The Forest Lake and Palmer Center Schools have been put in a condition that is more in keeping with the standards of our Town. The Thorndike Street School in the village of Palmer and the Bondsville School have been repaired and redecorated; repairs have been made to walks, gutters, etc., at both of the above locations and at the Park Street Grammar School, all of which repairs were much needed.

The Thorndike, Three Rivers, Wenimisset and Wire Mill Schools need immediate attention. The water supply at Thorndike is unsanitary, insufficient and generally unsatisfactory. The interior of the Three



Rivers School has not been redecorated since it was built some eighteen or twenty years ago, and is badly in need of it now.

The Wenimisset School, while not as yet officially turned over to the Town, demands prompt attention and the expenditure of considerable money to put it in proper condition. We have been advised by the Town Counsel that if any repairs are to be made they may be undertaken by this Committee without in any way affecting the suit of the Town against the builder. These repairs must be made; there is no possibility, in our opinion, of undue delay. We are, therefore, asking in our budget that sufficient funds be provided therefor.

For the past three or four years there have been consistent attempts on the part of your Committee to bring to the attention of the voters the absolute necessity of proper school house facilities in the Wire Mill District. Nothing of a definite, permanent nature has as yet been accomplished, and, as a result, the property has steadily grown worse. This condition cannot be permitted to prevail much longer. Your Committee has, therefore, caused an Article to be inserted in the Town Warrant asking that a Special Committee be appointed to investigate and bring in plans for a suitable building for this section of the Town. The responsibility to provide for this situation is now placed squarely on the voters of the Town. The Committee cannot longer assume the responsibility in this matter, although it will do its best to conserve and utilize such property as the Town sees fit to provide at this or any other location.

Taken as a unit, the Committee feel that the school system is operating efficiently and properly. It gladly welcomes constructive suggestions from all interested citizens.

The Report of Superintendent Hobson, which follows, gives full details as to school conditions and facts. It

**is** our hope that it will be read by all voters. The public school system of Palmer is an open book; all citizens should read and study it. Your Committee **cannot** hope to conduct the schools in a manner satisfactory to all and yet that is its aim. Your suggestions will be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. PARSONS, Chairman,  
JOHN F. ROCHE, D. D. S.,  
JEREMIAH J. KELLY,  
JOHN F. SHEA,  
GEORGE L. WARFIELD,  
CHARLES GIROUX, M. D.,  
School Committee, Town of Palmer.

# Report of Superintendent of Schools

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To the School Committee of the Town of Palmer:

Gentlemen:—I herewith present my fourteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Palmer. This is the thirty-second in the series of reports issued by the superintendents of the town.

## INTRODUCTION

This report will consist of two main divisions: (1) General education facts which should be called to the knowledge of everyone who has any connection, direct or indirect, with the schools; (2) regular features—a brief resume of some of the important things which are being done in the local schools.

## PART I.

### GENERAL EDUCATION FACTS

#### Importance of Education

The importance of education throughout the entire world is gaining in recognition, year by year. This has been more or less true in the United States for many years. It is now becoming an absolute fact throughout both hemispheres. The strides that have taken place in many countries which formerly were classified as backward and ignorant are remarkable.

Every country which has any hope of becoming a country ruled by its people rather than by its upper class, so-called, must have some form of mass education. They have learned their lesson through observation of

what our country has done within the short period of its existence. Education has been its chief instrument of progression.

Our own people do not recognize this as keenly as do the peoples of other countries. The reason is that we have had public education so long that it is regarded as a common everyday occurrence. Our people do not appreciate what it has done for the country; our parents do not recognize what it is doing for their children; our children do not recognize what it is doing for them. It is simply a case of nearness lending no enchantment.

A quotation or two from men who have been in a position to judge will suffice:—

“Popular Education is necessary for the preservation of those conditions of freedom, political and social, which are indispensable to free development. No instrumentality less universal in its power and authority than government can secure popular education. Without popular education, moreover, no government which rests upon popular action can long endure. The people must be schooled in the knowledge, and, if possible, in the virtues upon which the maintenance and success of free institutions depend. No free government can last in health if it lose hold of the traditions of its history, and in the public schools these traditions may be and should be sedulously preserved, carefully replanted in the thought and consciousness of each successive generation.

“Woodrow Wilson”

“Although we talk a good deal about what the widespread education of this country means, I question if many of us deeply consider its meaning. From the lowest grade of the public school to the highest form of university training education in this country is at the disposal of every man, every woman, who chooses to work for and obtain it. Each one of us, then, who has an

education, school or college, has obtained something from the community at large for which he or she has not paid, and no self-respecting man or woman is content to rest permanently under such an obligation. Where the State has bestowed education the man who accepts it must be content to accept it merely as charity unless he returns it to the State in full in the shape of good citizenship.

“Theodore Roosevelt”

“In its broad and comprehensive sense education embraces the physical, moral, and intellectual instruction of a child from infancy to manhood. Any system is imperfect which does not combine them all; and that is best which, while it thoroughly develops them, abases the coarse animal emotions of human nature and exalts the higher faculties and feelings. An essential part of the education of youth is to teach them to serve themselves and to impress upon them the fact that nothing good can be acquired in this world without labor, and that the very necessities and comforts of life must be procured by earnest and regular exertion.

“Robert Edward Lee”

“Popular government could only be predicated on popular education.

“It is impossible to conceive that there should be any increase in agricultural products, in the production of manufactures, or any other increase in our material wealth through ignorance. The reaction to using the resources of the country to develop the brains of the country through education has always been greatly to stimulate and increase the power of the people to produce.

“The main factor of every school is the teacher. This is one of the noblest of professions. It requires an adequate preparation and training, patience, devotion,



and a deep sense of responsibility. Those who mold the human mind have wrought not for time, but for eternity. The obligation which we all owe to those devoted men and women who have given of their lives to the education of the youth of our country that they might have freedom through coming into a knowledge of truth is one which can never be discharged.

"There are over three million native illiterates. When it is remembered that ignorance is the most fruitful source of poverty, vice, and crime, it is easy to realize the necessity for removing what is a menace, not only to our social well-being, but to the very existence of the Republic. Such a condition not only works to a national disadvantage, but directly contradicts all our assertions regarding human rights. One of the chief rights of an American citizen is the right to an education. The opportunity to secure it must not only be provided, but if necessary made compulsory.

"Our public schools have made education possible for all and ignorance a disgrace.

"Education must give not only power but direction; it must minister to the whole man or it fails.

"Calvin Coolidge."

"Education, to accomplish the ends of good government, should be universally diffused. Open the doors of the school house to all the children in the land. Let no man have the excuse of poverty for not educating his own offspring. Place the means of education within his reach, and if they remain in ignorance, be it his own reproach. On the diffusion of education among the people rests the preservation and perpetuation of our free institutions.—"Daniel Webster."

"I consider knowledge to be the soul of a republic, and as the weak and the wicked are generally in alliance, as much care should be taken to diminish the number



of the former as of the latter. Education is the way to do this, and nothing should be left undone to afford all ranks of the people the means of obtaining a proper degree of it at a cheap and easy rate.—“John Jay.”

“The most striking manifestations of progress in modern civilization are found in the extensions of educational facilities to the masses of the people; in the establishment of scientific, physical, mechanical, and all polytechnic schools, and in the discoveries made and results wrought by educated and enlightened industries.....

“Modern progress is chiefly, if not entirely, found not in the advancement of what are called the learned professions but in the education and elevation of the masses; in the discoveries and appliances of the physical sciences; in the establishment of schools of science; and in the promotion, enlargement, and results of all departments of industries. ....

“Education is the one subject for which no people ever yet paid too much. Indeed, the more they pay, the richer they become. Nothing is so costly as ignorance, and nothing so cheap as knowledge. Even under old civilizations the States and people who provided the greatest educational dissemination and advantages were always the most wealthy, the most powerful, the most feared and respected by others, and the most secure in every right of person and property among themselves. And this truth will be tenfold more manifest in the future than it has been in the past. The very right arm of all future national power will rest in the education of the people.—“Benjamin Harvey Hill.”

### **Education—Yesterdays, To-days, and To-morrows**

Better Schools League, Inc., is getting out some strong material bearing on Education.

“Education is the connecting link between our Yesterdays and To-days. Yesterdays: — We rode in wagons; plowed with oxen; harvested with the cradle;

threshed with the flail; read by candle light. **To-days:—** We ride in automobiles and airplanes; upheave the fields with tractors; harvest and thresh with the same operation; read and acquire knowledge by electric light and radio. **Education has developed our Yesterdays into Todays.**

“If there are schools and communities which are still in the Yesterdays educationally because of lack of facilities, such as **trained teachers, modern buildings, adequate equipment, improper safeguards and concern for health, morals, thrift, safety and citizenship**, then these conditions exist because of lack of local initiative and sentiment.

“Such handicap is unfair to the child, unnatural to the ambitions of parenthood and un-American in its very existence.

“In the gratitude of your prosperity, let your inquiring mind determine the Educational Opportunity of your **community** and pledge your influence and support to officials that your schools may be placed in the very To-day of To-days and ready to meet the demands of the To-morrows.

“For To-morrows Education will furnish:—(1) The Foundation of Progress; (2) the Backbone of Morals; (3) the Enemy of Crime; (4) the Conservator of the Home; (5) the Essential of Citizenship; (6) the Capital for a Livelihood (7) the Inspiration for Living.”

### “EDUCATION SPEAKS.

“I AM EDUCATION. I bear the torch that enlightens the world, fires the imagination of man, feeds the flame of genius. I give wings to dreams and might to hand and brain.

“From out the deep shadows of the past I come, wearing the scars of struggle and the stripes of toil, but bearing in triumph the wisdom of all ages. Man, because of me, holds dominion over earth, air and sea; it is for

him I leash the lightning, plumb the deep and shackle the ether.

"I am the parent of progress, creator of culture, molder of destiny. Philosophy, science and art are the works of my hand. I banish ignorance, discourage vice, disarm anarchy.

"Thus have I become freedom's citadel, the arm of democracy, the hope of youth, the pride of adolescence, the joy of age. Fortunate the nations and happy the homes that welcome me.

"The school is my workshop; here I stir ambitions, stimulate ideals, forge the keys that open the door to opportunity. I am the source of inspiration; the aid of aspiration. I AM IRRESISTIBLE POWER."

### **"What's Right with the Public Schools?"**

So much has been written and spoken within recent years on "What's Wrong with the Public Schools?" that the National Education Association has deemed it wise to issue a bulletin on "What's Right with the Public Schools?" To properly discuss this subject would require the use of many pages. One knowing the subject well would find it hard to limit himself. Some of the facts brought out—and they are facts—are so telling and timely that it seems wise to incorporate them in this report. They will be simply stated as facts, with little said in substantiation of them, not because of a lack of material, but because of lack of space. After every so-called fact will appear merely a line or two of proof. Full proof can easily be obtained by talking with the Superintendent. No personal credit is taken for the statement of these facts. They are stated by older and more experienced people than the writer.

There is nothing easier to do than to  
**Criticism.** criticize the schools. They have always been held responsible for every ill or ailment that has appeared upon the horizon. Much is said about "the good old days when I was a boy," espe-

cially in justification of the schools of old—the little-old-red-school, so called. In 1884, the following newspaper editorial appeared:—

“Our present educational system unfits young people to deal with actual necessities. It takes away self-reliance, begets conceit, and draws attention to what is ornamental rather than what is fundamental.”

This editorial caused sufficient jar to bring from the President of the National Education Association comment on the same. Many who were boys in those days may, perhaps, be shocked to know that those schools were criticized. The common schools have always had their carping critics since the very days of their inception. Attacks, sweeping, unsupported, and unsubstantiated, have met them in every generation.

They have been knocked as strenuously as have the Fords. Like the Fords, every knock seemingly has been a boost. The Ford is the most successful car manufactured from the standpoint of quantity and financial return. It is one of the greatest business organizations in the country. None other has grown like it. The public school system has increased in educational efficiency, opening wider its doors to more and more children and gaining more generally in public esteem, in a ratio almost equal to that of the Ford.

These are some of the facts relative to the public schools:—

(1). The American School is a School  
 Facts. for All the People. (America is unique  
 in one thing—she has but one public school  
 system. In most countries there are two—one which  
 educates those who are to rule; the other which educates  
 those who are to be ruled. Under this last-named  
 system, the educational opportunity of a child is usually  
 determined by birth and social position. The “high-  
 born” attend one school; the “low-born,” another. In  
 America, the ideal is this:—“What the best and wisest



parent wants for his own child, that must the community want for all its children. Any other ideal for our schools is narrow and unlovely; acted upon, it destroys our democracy.")

(2). The American School is Free and Open to All. (This is an idea of recent origin. Even in our own early history, a good education could be obtained only by those who were able to pay for it. In spots, a child who attended a free school was stigmatized as a "pauper." That time has passed. Every community now maintains free schools, sufficiently good for any parent to send his children to. In 1922, nearly 23,000,000 children were enrolled in free public schools. One (1) person in every five (5) in the United States is at present attending a free public school.)

(3). The American Public School Is Supported by Public Taxation. (The American public school is our greatest productive institution. Most of our wealth would be impossible were it not for the trained intelligence, the foundation of which the school lays. Nothing is more proper than that a small part of the wealth which the schools are so directly responsible for creating should be set aside for their maintenance. One hundred years ago, when this policy was advocated, it was considered rank heresy to think of taxing one man's property to educate the children of his neighbor. To-day, such a spirit would be ridiculous in the extreme. Everywhere, the local school tax is levied as a matter of course. In many places, the States have a state-wide tax and even now the Nation, in part, is contributing toward the support of education with a national tax. It is now a recognized principle that the education of the future generation should constitute a first lien against all wealth.)

(4). The American Public School is Controlled by All the People. (No "upper class" dictates what shall

be taught in America's classrooms. The dictation comes from all the people. Thus controlled, it has the support and confidence of the great mass of the people. It is essential that it shall always be controlled by all the people; that it shall never become an instrument for any kind of propagation of thought or knowledge of any factional group.)

(5). The American School Offers a Complete Education. (An elementary and high school education are available to all. In some states, even college training is provided. This is as it should be in a democracy. One hundred years ago, people argued against free elementary school education; fifty years ago, against free high school education. No state can make a better investment than to provide a complete free education for all who have the capacity and the desire to secure it. Industry and brains, not caste or wealth, should be the requisites for free educational opportunity in a democracy.)

(6). Increasing Attendance Reflects Growing Confidence in the Schools. (In the United States, many parents have always made sacrifices that their children might enjoy the benefits of a complete education. Today, more parents than ever are doing this. In 1870, six (6) out of every ten (10) children from five (5) to eighteen (18) years of age were enrolled in a public school. In 1920, eight (8) out of every ten (10) were so enrolled. In 1870, all public elementary and secondary schools provided 539,053,423 days of schooling; in 1922, 3,022,882,932 days of schooling. Had the general population increased as rapidly as school attendance between these dates, or these years, the present population of the United States would be 216,227,633 instead of 109,248,393. In 1890, three (3) out of every one hundred (100) children of ages fourteen (14) to eighteen (18) were enrolled in high school. In 1922, twenty-four



(24) were so enrolled. The growth of the public school enrollment is a clear indication of a growing realization of the value of the service rendered by the public school, both to the individual and to the Nation.)

(7). The Public School has Lifted the General Level of Education in the United States. (In 1880 there were 6,239,958 illiterates—those who had no schooling whatever. In 1920, there were 4,931,905. In 1880, one (1) out of every six (6) people was without schooling; in 1920, one (1) out of every seventeen (17). Other agencies enter into the elimination of illiteracy. The work of all educational agencies is super-imposed upon that of the school. The influence of the library, the newspaper, and the magazine would be meager, were it not built upon the foundation laid by the school. In the final analysis, every advance made possible by the increasing intelligence of our general population is the result of the work of the public school.)

The Objectives of the public school have always been sound, but never more sound than at the present time. Could a full attainment of these objectives be secured, most of our great national problems would be solved. The public school is unique in its set of objectives. Other great educational influences—the newspaper, the magazine, the motion picture theater—have, as a primary purpose, the making of money. If they fail to make money, they cease to exist. The schools, as a constructive educational force, have no such primary purpose as money-making. They exist for the setting and obtaining of sound educational objectives.

They are the one great constructive institution with a purpose sufficiently broad to touch every phase of living and with an influence sufficiently wide to touch every citizen. In 1922, 22,652,169 children came under the instruction of 727,119 public school teachers. One (1)

person in every five (5) in America devoted half of his waking-time to school activities. The remainder of our 110,000,000 people—parents, taxpayers, or citizens—have a less direct but no less important stake in the school's accomplishments. America can find no more promising institution into which to pour its superabundant energy and tremendous wealth than the public school.

(1). The Public School Recognizes as its First Aim the Development of a Character through Fixed and Right Habits of Conduct. (Such habits are fundamental to moral integrity. Preachments of moral virtues too often miss their mark. A child in an environment, nevertheless, in which it is pleasant to be honest, to co-operate effectively with his neighbors, to reverence things that are reverend, has made progress in the development of real character. The development of character rests primarily upon the creation of an environment in which right conduct is made easier than wrong. The virtues that make up good character are the results of right conduct continued over a period of years until it becomes a habit. Were the home, the motion picture theater, and other forces that influence character development in children working as intelligently and faithfully as the school to keep children constantly under the influences that result in sound character, there would be no worry about the Nation's moral ruggedness.)

(2). The School Aims to Give All Children a Command of the Fundamental Processes—the Three R's. (Over half of the time of children in the elementary schools is devoted to work in the Three R's. Comparative tests have been given, all of which have shown pupils of the present-day schools to be superior to those of the schools of a generation or more ago. This is

because of the fact that teaching methods unknown then are to-day used.)

(3). The School Aims to Give Children the Health Habits and Attitudes Essential to Healthful Living. (Our organized school system recognizes this as a very fundamental aim. This aim may be well summed up, as recently stated in a report on Health Education:—

“1. To instruct children and youths so that they may conserve and improve their own health.

“2. To establish in them the habits and principles of living which throughout their school life, and in later years, will assure that abundant vigor and vitality which provide the basis for the greatest possible happiness and service in personal, family and community life.

“3. To influence parents and other adults, through the health education program for children, to better habits and attitudes, so that the school may become an effective agency for the promotion of the social aspects of health education in the family and community as well as in the school itself.

“4. To improve the individual and community life of the future; to insure a better second generation, and a still better third generation; a healthier and fitter nation and race.”)

(4). The Public School Recognizes the Development of Good Citizenship as One of Its Primary Tasks. (School organization is better shaping itself every day to produce good citizenship. Knowledge of a governmental form and organization are not sufficient for good citizenship. Participation in actual practice of the activities of a good citizen is necessary. The child is imbued with the right habits of action and attitudes toward his duties as a citizen while in the formative stage of his existence.)

(5). The School Aims to Give Training Essential to Effective Home Life. (The school has been compelled to include in its curricula certain activities designed to give children attitudes that will make them better co-operators in the life of the family, because of the loss in influence

of the home. Activities that encourage children to accept responsibilities as members of the family are basic, if later, as parents, they are to possess a proper sense of home responsibilities.

The acquisition of skills essential to a well-regulated home can be imparted to children. Such knowledge as the preparation of food and the care of young children is badly needed in millions of American homes. In many systems such knowledge is successfully imparted. The school should continue to implant in children's lives a vision of, and a desire for, better homes.)

(6). The Foundation for Vocational Efficiency is Laid in the Public School. (The first question asked by prospective employers is "How much schooling have you had?" It is a recognized fact that the successful completion of a public school course guarantees the basic general training and many of the specific skills that are essential to quick aptitude in any line of work.

Statistics show that the workers in States that have maintained strong school systems during the past generation are now earning nearly twice as much as those in the States which have given less attention to public education.

More and more youths are being enrolled in classes whose principal objective is training for specific vocations. As America's natural resources diminish, vocational education will increase rather than decrease in importance. The skill of the Nation's workers rather than the exploitation of natural resources will be the basis of future economic prosperity. This fundamental fact justifies the increased importance given to vocational training in the upper levels of the public schools.)

(7). The Schools Aim to Train Children for the Effective Use of Leisure Time. (The general tendency to shorten working hours causes an increase in the hours of leisure. This leisure may be a blessing or a curse



to the Nation, depending upon the use made of it. If it is used to satisfy simple and wholesome tastes that make for moral and physical progress, increased leisure is an asset to a Nation. If used for indulgence in the enervating pastimes that undermine a Nation's moral and physical well-being, and unfit it for effective work, leisure time is a liability.

The great question confronting us as a Nation is to determine how this leisure time is to be used. In youth, the tastes of most men are determined. The school must, therefore, instil proper habits and ideals for the use of leisure time. Her success in doing this will largely determine whether this time is to be an asset or a liability to the Nation.

There is a wider attempt being made to inculcate the habit of reading. The school should not only teach a pupil to read, but should give him the habit of reading.

Proper training in wholesome physical recreation is essential. Playgrounds, athletic sports, etc., are movements in the right direction. Appreciation of good music should be given. The school is the most effective agency for continuing and strengthening these tendencies in our life until they prevail over the cheap, commercialized forms of recreation so freely offered on every hand.)

(8). The Public School Aims to Increase the General Mental Efficiency of All Children. (Mental efficiency may be increased through training in habits of study and encouragement in independent thinking. There is a wide difference in the innate mental capacity of children, but all children may, through training, be taught to use their native mental equipment with greater efficiency. The teaching of how to think is far more important than the teaching of what to think.

The late war showed that the greater adaptability of men who had enjoyed high school and college training

was recognized in all branches of the service. **High mental efficiency is the most valuable form of National wealth.)**

From the foregoing, it is evident that the **Strengthening American public school is founded upon the Schools.** democratic principles, that its objectives are fundamentally sound, and that it has made possible the great America of the present-day. If America is to continue to be the America of to-day, she must look well to her public schools; she must see that they are properly strengthened; she must see that they are properly financed.

The primary essentials to strengthening the public schools are:—

(1). **Better Teachers.** (These can be secured by offering a reasonable economic return — one that will attract and keep capable and trained people in the teaching profession. It is also necessary to submerge all other conditions, such as politics, “pull,” etc., in the selection of teachers. Base the selection solely upon their ability to effectively teach children, for, after all, it is the child who is the chief one concerned. He is the one who must have the “square deal.”)

(2). **Equalization of Educational Opportunity.** (This means that the child in the country must have the same opportunity as the child in the city school; that the child in one state must have the same opportunity as the child in another. This raises, of course, the question of the unit of government, wherein enter the strong “pros” and “cons” for local control, state control, and national control. Whatever the unit may be, it seems like an accepted fact that every dollar of wealth, no matter where it exists, should bear its fair share of the burden of educating the children of the Nation, irrespective of their place of abode.)

(3). **Modern School Curriculum.** (Such a curri-



culum must be based on the results of educational research, wise thought, and proved practice. It must train for effective living, not in the past, but in the present and future.)

A strong indictment showing the direct result of failure to provide adequate school facilities in thousands of communities is here given:—4,931,905 confessed illiterates with “no schooling whatever”; 3,084,733 native-born illiterates; 1,242,572 native-white illiterates; 1,340,625 men, a little more than one in every five rejected in the draft as physically unfit for military service; 1,437,783 children between the ages of 7 and 13 not attending “any kind of educational institution”; \$825,000,000 annual economic loss due to illiteracy; \$3,000,045,000 annual economic loss from preventable disease and death. (These facts were taken from Federal Census, Bureau of Education reports and Waste in Industry.)

In discussing proper financing of public schools, the most natural question, **Financing the Schools.** particularly when taxes thruout the entire country are high, is “Can we afford it?”

The first reaction to this question upon the part of most people is “No.” The consideration of a few facts will convince all who are reasonable that the answer should be emphatically “Yes.” What are some of these facts? The total national wealth in 1922 was \$320,833,862,000; the average yearly income was \$65,000,000,000; the expenditures for luxuries in 1920 were \$17,361,000,000; the amount in savings accounts in 1922 was \$17,331,479,000; all government costs in 1922 were \$9,000,000,000; public elementary and secondary education costs in 1922 were \$1,580,671,296. The yearly cost of public schools represents a levy of less than one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of one (1) per cent. of the Nation's total wealth and requires less than two and a half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) per cent. of the Nation's average annual income. We are spending

many times the cost of the schools for purposes less important to the general welfare than is education.

With our modern civilization, we have a large supply of human energy beyond that necessary to provide the bare necessities of existence—food, shelter, and clothing. The wisdom shown in the use of this surplus energy determines the destiny of a Nation. To-day, education does not receive its just share. Our power to provide every facility that wise educational procedure demands is very ample.

The question involved is not one of ability, but one of priority. The problem is one of social values and choices.

A careful analysis of the way in which the American people spend their income shows the following percentages:—Church,  $\frac{3}{4}\%$ ; schools,  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ ; government,  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ ; crime,  $8\frac{1}{4}\%$ ; investment,  $11\%$ ; waste,  $14\%$ ; luxuries,  $22\%$ ; living costs,  $24\frac{1}{2}\%$ ; miscellaneous,  $13\frac{1}{2}\%$ .

For the sake of argument, let us grant that government expenditures can not be lowered materially; that living costs are reasonable; that the expense of luxuries is high, but that, being a luxury-loving people, presumably it will not be reduced.

Crime and waste, however, have no defense and can be reduced. Further expenditures for schools will automatically reduce both. Let us consider a few of the crime and waste savings that are possible. Hog cholera costs \$15,000,000 annually in a single state. This can be wiped out by keeping the hogs in clean pens—our agricultural colleges have discovered, and proven this fact, and are now teaching our farmers how to do it. Rats destroy annually \$1,000,000,000 worth of property. Preventable insect and animal pests cause losses of \$1,500,000,000. The losses to labor and capital caused by preventable disease are \$1,800,000,000. Pre-

ventable fire loss is \$552,000,000 annually. Crimes against property cause an annual loss of \$3,000,000,000.

A consideration of these figures shows conclusively that, if people want better schools, they can have them; that the funds are available; that more money can and must be spent for the schools — money that is to be obtained, not out of the air, but from the budget for waste and crime. Double the amount spent for schools, and it is only necessary to take one per cent. (1%) from waste and one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of one per cent. (1%) from the cost of crime or luxuries.

“A nation which fritters away for luxuries twice as much as it spends on investments and which uses more funds in crime or dealing with crime than it pays for churches, schools and government combined, has some housecleaning to do before it complains about expenses.

“People who look to tax reduction as the panacea for all economic ills will find in these statistics a problem that must be reckoned with. More than twenty per cent. (20%) of the money earned by Americans, it is claimed, is accounted for by crime and waste. Surely no one expects tax reduction drastic enough to offset such a drain.”

## PART II.

### REGULAR FEATURES.

#### Attendance.

The attendance statistics for the school year of 1923-1924 show some remarkably good percentages of attendance. The percentage for the entire system was ninety-six and twenty-five hundredths per cent. (96.25%). Ninety-five per cent. (95%) is regarded as good. This makes allowance for the necessary absences due to illness and other causes.

Three hundred seventy-five (375) Perfect Attendance Certificates were given out at the end of the year

to pupils who had been neither absent nor tardy during that entire time. This means that nearly twenty per cent. (20%) of the average membership for the year—that is, one (1) out of every five (5) pupils—was perfect in attendance. This is a showing which few systems can excel. It is worthy of **marked recognition.**

Our entire attendance record for the year, with the exception of three hundred two (302) tardinesses, was very satisfactory. We have not placed as much stress lately upon tardiness and there is a consequent increase. This has been occurring for several years since we “let up.”

### **Extension Work.**

The extension work done under the direction of the School Department during the past year has been larger than that during the two (2) or three (3) preceding years. This was due to the fact that several of our appropriations, which had been discontinued, were restored. Every feature of this work which we attempt, as a rule, is fairly well done. There is a wise expenditure of the money and excellent results accrue therefrom. This is a plain statement of fact as it appears to us rather than self-praise.

Our Americanization work has been **Americanization.** effectively conducted. During the school year which closed in April, one hundred ten (110) adults were enrolled, composed of some eight (8) different nationalities. Seventy-five (75) certificates issued by the State were granted these pupils. An excellent closing program was put on, the major part of which was contributed by the pupils themselves. Those who attended these exercises must have been convinced of the wisdom of doing this sort of work. Those who are opposed to it, had they been present, would have lost all spirit of **opposition.**



An effort was made to put on several **University** **University** **Extension** courses. **These** **Extension.** courses are financed largely by the State.

The Town's contribution is space, light, and heat. The only course which we could get into operation was one by Dr. J. J. Reilly, Superintendent of Schools in Ware, on "Short Story Writers." Some forty (40) attended his lectures. The course was very excellent.

Two (2) cooking classes were operated in **Cooking.** Three Rivers under the direction of Mrs. Ethel O. Cole, both completing a course of fifteen (15) lessons. Twenty-five (25) were enrolled.

The state club requirements were taken as a basis of the program of work, which included the planning of meals, with emphasis on the making of yeast breads, quick breads, scalloped dishes, soups, and salads. The meetings were held once a week with a demonstration given or actual laboratory work by the girls.

The statistics are as follows: — Number of meals prepared, 35; number of loaves of bread made, 170; number of loaves of quick bread, 960; total number of other food products, 100; total cost of bread and other products, \$60.

Our most successful season in this **Boys' and Girls** work was enjoyed during the past **Club Work.** summer. The best conception of it can be secured by the following report sent us by Mr. Hall, Agent of the Hampden County Improvement League, who was in supervision of it:—

"The club work as carried on by the Hampden County Improvement League and the Palmer schools has closed one of its most successful seasons. The clubs

included garden, canning, sewing, food, and poultry. The local leaders in charge of the work co-operating with the schools have been Mrs. M. J. Sullivan and Mrs. D. J. Dunn, for the village of Palmer; Mr. A. P. Knowlton and Miss Edith Norcross for Bondsville; Mrs. Ethel O. Cole for Three Rivers and Thorndike; and Mr. John Casbarro for the garden work in Three Rivers.

"Two county honors came to Palmer. Isabelle West, as a member of the Palmer Village canning club, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. M. J. Sullivan, has been awarded the county championship honors by the Hampden County Improvement League.

"The biggest honor, however, open to any club group in the county, has been awarded to the garden club in Bondsville, under the leadership of Mr. A. P. Knowlton. This honor is the annual county banner given by the Hampden County Improvement League for the best club group in the county, all phases of work considered. This is an honor which not only brings credit to Mr. Knowlton, as leader, but it also brings credit to the town of Palmer. It is an honor which is sought for by more groups than any other honor awarded in boys' and girls' agricultural club work. In the Bondsville honor group there were 34 boys and girls and each had a garden plot 500 feet square. This land was supplied by the Boston Duck Company, through the courtesy and help of Mr. E. G. Childs. Mr. Childs also had the land plowed and put in condition for the children, while the general supervision was under the leadership of Mr. Knowlton, who gave unsparingly of his time throughout the summer. According to the rankings made by Mr. Otis E. Hall of the Hampden County Improvement League, these garden plots ranked higher during the summer than did any other group in the county.

"The second best garden group for the town was in charge of John Casbarro of Three Rivers. Considering the lateness of the season and the disadvantages which Mr. Casbarro had to meet in behalf of his boys and girls, his work as leader deserves special mention.

"The garden and canning exhibit in the new high school as put on by Mrs. Sullivan and her boys and girls September 10, was one of the best exhibits ever held in



the town. It demonstrated to the parents and friends of the schools and club groups who saw it, what boys and girls could do in their summer activities when in charge of a competent leader.

"The canning work in charge of Miss Norcross of Bondsville and Mrs. Cole of Three Rivers also shared honors, with other displays from all over the county at the Eastern States Exposition."

Briefly stated, the statistics of this work are as follows:—Number of organized clubs, 12; number of banner clubs, 2; number enrolled, 197; number completing, 151; amount won in prizes at Eastern States Exposition, \$44.50; value of products, \$1,199.19; total cost, \$266.64; value above costs, \$932.45.

Other work was done in town by the  
**Other**                Hampden County Improvement League,  
**Activities.**        much of which was conducted in co-operation with the schools. The schools supply, in most instances, space, light, and heat. Forty (40) women were enrolled in study clubs and one hundred fifty (150) others were interested in various women's activities. Twenty (20) Polish-speaking women regularly attended classes in sewing. Each of the four (4) villages had community work by the league in some form or other.

### HEALTH WORK.

No one, excepting those directly connected with the office of the Superintendent of Schools, can realize the quality and quantity of health work that is being conducted within the schools. Our school nurse is one of our busiest workers. She possesses the interest, energy, tact, and conscientiousness necessary for excellent work in her field.

Examinations were conducted this  
**Examinations.**    fall in accordance with the requirements of the State. These examinations are carefully and fully made. An interesting com-

parison of the defects found in last year's and this year's examinations is here given:—

	1923	1924	Decrease	% Decrease
<b>Number of Pupils</b>				
Examined,	2,014	1,902		
Number of Defects Found:				
Appearance,	154	72	82	53%
Nutrition,	211	80	131	62%
Posture,	438	160	278	63%
Scalp,	329	200	129	39%
Skin,	119	52	67	56%
Teeth,	745	457	288	39%
Throat,	867	561	306	35%
Nose,	55	15	40	73%
Glands,	137	64	73	53%
Heart,	80	24	56	70%
Lungs,	13	3	10	77%
Feet,	10	11	1*	10%*
Spine,	17	16	1	6%
Total,	3,175	1,715	1,460	46%
* Increase.				

A study of these figures will show you that, in every instance, there has been a marked percentage of decrease in the defects found in 1924 as compared to those found in 1923. In some cases, the percentage ran as high as 77%.

A careful check of defects called to parents' attention as the result of the examination in 1923 shows the following:—Tonsils removed, 80; teeth attended to, 125; glands treated, 9; heart cases treated, 11. Many, in addition, were examined for tubercular and spinal defects. Five (5) children were given treatment in the Westfield Sanatorium. Many have been taken to clinics for other defects in Springfield.

In one (1) tubercular clinic held for school children in the Thorndike Street School, one hundred thirty-three (133) pupils were examined. Thirty (30) of these were X-Ray'd later at the Westfield Sanatorium. All was

done free of cost to the pupils. The results of these examinations were as follows:—Negative, 4; Suspicious, 11; Positive, with Sanatorium Treatment Recommended, 5.

It is worthy of mention that the first efforts along the line of determining pre-tubercularly inclined children by means of weighing and measuring were conducted in the Palmer schools, under the auspices of the Hampden County Tuberculosis and Public Health Association, and in conjunction with Dr. Chadwick of the Westfield Sanatorium. As a result of this first clinic, the State of Massachusetts has recently committed itself to a ten (10) years' program with an expenditure of \$500,000 for this sort of work. In other words, the State is to do throughout its boundaries what in Palmer has been done for the past four (4) or five (5) years. All tuberculosis experts now agree that the proper field of their endeavor is with children pre-inclined or pre-disposed to tubercular trouble because of weakened physique. If tuberculosis is ever stamped out, to any extent, it must be done by early work with the child.

**Milk.** Pasteurized milk is sold daily in all of our schools. Milk is a great-body-builder, the greatest foe to under-nourishment in existence.

School lunches are furnished at cost to **School Lunches.** the pupils in Palmer and Three Rivers.

The attempt is made to keep prices down to the lowest possible point, so that those who need the lunch but whose financial condition is not the best can afford to partake. Easily three hundred (300) children lunch daily in the high school lunch room. Pupils come from both the high school and the Thordike Street and Park Street Schools.

The scale of prices is very low, as follows:—Hot Dish, \$.05; Ham Sandwich, \$.05; Soup, \$.03; Peanut

Butter Sandwich, \$.03; Bread and Butter Sandwich, \$.02; Milk, \$.04; Cocoa, \$.03; Ice Cream, \$.05. Even with these small charges, it has been possible to pay help, with the exception of the director, Mrs. Burke, since the very beginning. The past ten (10) or eleven (11) weeks it has been possible to pay her salary from the receipts.

The lunch room is run as a separate organization and not as a direct part of the school department. The receipts and expenditures since the opening of the lunch room last March are as follows:

	Receipts	Expenditures
March,	\$443.13	\$415.93
April,	411.28	220.14
May,	402.14	274.14
June,	299.93	562.06
Total,	\$1,556.48	\$1,472.27
	Gain—\$84.21	
September,	\$456.47	\$274.96
October,	454.68	411.14
November,	441.58	422.85
December,	482.09	669.71
Total,	\$1,834.82	\$1,778.66
	Gain—\$56.16	

A careful check has been kept upon the various articles of food sold for approximately three (3) months, as follows:—Hot Dish, 5,168; Potato, 3,795; Ice Cream, 6,391; Cocoa, 3,497; Ham Sandwich, 3,417; Peanut Butter Sandwich, 2,870; Bread and Butter Sandwich, 6,950; Milk, 1,822; Soup, 1,727; Apple Pie, 52.



The Penny Savings' Report from November 1, 1921, when the system was instituted, to November 1, 1924, shows the following:—

School	Number of Deposits	Amounts
Palmer	8,226	\$3,118.14
Thorndike	7,087	3,257.67
Bondsville	6,826	2,513.35
Three Rivers	4,772	2,389.38
Wenimisset	400	217.98
Wire Mill	1,235	956.83
Palmer Center	113	33.12
Forest Lake	15	3.13
Total,	28,674	\$12,489.60

### OPPORTUNITY CLASS

Our Opportunity Class is functioning well. Those who viewed the exhibition last May in the high school hall and observed the work done by the pupils in this class were highly impressed with the quality and quantity of work done. These are children who are, possibly, more manually than mentally minded, if such phrases may be used. For the first time in their lives, they are in an environment which gives them satisfaction. The State and the Town should be praised for their efforts with children of this type rather than condemned. Those who should be the loudest in their praise are the parents of the children themselves.

Within the past year, the following examinations of children for this class have been held:—

Examined	63
Recommendations:	
Special Class	20
Manual and Industrial	5
Institution	3
Remain in Grades	35



## CONTINUATION SCHOOL

The Continuation School had a total enrollment during the last school year of two hundred twenty-one (221) pupils, ninety-eight (98) of whom were boys and one hundred twenty-three (123) were girls. The average membership for the entire year was one hundred forty-six and twenty-nine hundredths (146.29); the average attendance was one hundred forty-one (141); the percentage of attendance was ninety-six and fifty-eight hundredths (96.58); the number of graduates, eighty-seven (87).

The total expenditures for the year were \$6,669.51, **divided as follows:**—**MAINTENANCE**—Administration, \$225; Instruction, \$5,143.81; Auxiliary Agencies \$321.25; Operation of Plant, \$520.75; Repairs and Replacements, \$13; Total, \$6,623.81. **ESTABLISHMENT AND EXTENSION OF PLANT**—Construction, \$301; Equipment, \$144.70; Total, \$445.70, Grand Total, \$6,669.51.

The receipts were as follows: — Tuition, \$499.84; Smith-Hughes Act, \$273.66; Cash Received from Work and Products, \$105.58; Total, \$879.08. The State reimbursed the Town fifty per cent. (50%) upon \$5,344.73, the re-imbursement netting Palmer \$2,672.37. The difference between the total cost of operation, \$6,669.51, and the amount upon which re-imbursement was made may be found by deducting the \$445.70, expenditures for establishment and extension of plant — a non-re-imburseable expenditure by the State, yet a necessary expenditure—plus \$879.08, which was revenue received and turned directly into the Town Treasurer. The difference was \$5,344.73.

The Continuation School is required by law. The Town has no option in the matter of maintaining such a school. As long as two hundred (200) or more minors under sixteen (16) years of age are employed by

authority of employment certificates or home permits, the Town must maintain a continuation school. Even if for a period of two (2) consecutive years the number of employed minors should fall below two hundred (200), the Town could be exempted from the provision of the act requiring its maintenance only upon application to the State Department of Education, which may specifically exempt the Town until such time as two hundred (200) or more minors in any year are employed therein.

The Continuation School in Palmer started in September, 1921. The number of employed minors between fourteen (14) and sixteen (16) at that time was two hundred forty-eight (248). In 1922, a poor business year, two hundred three (203) minors were employed; in 1923, two hundred fifty-four (254). It is doubtful if the time will ever come in Palmer when less than two hundred (200) minors between these ages will be employed, except, possibly, during a year of extreme business depression. A two-year period will probably never come. Under normal conditions, Palmer stands but small chance of ever being able to discontinue its Continuation School.

There is considerable misunderstanding relative to the bookkeeping involved in maintaining this school. Under the budget classifications for the first two (2) years, the Superintendent, as director, appeared for the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). Many assumed that the Continuation School added this amount to the Superintendent's salary. Proportionate amounts were involved for clerical services, etc. The Continuation School has not increased the salaries of Superintendent or office assistants. Inasmuch as the amounts appearing under Continuation School for such services were re-imburseable to the extent of fifty per cent. (50%), the School Department has charged as much of the salaries of these officials as possible against the Continuation School

because, whereas no additional outlay fell upon the Town, the fifty per cent. (50%) re-imbusement was net gain to the Town. The five hundred dollar (\$500) charge for directorship paid to the Superintendent according to the budget meant not one additional cent to him nor an additional cent of outlay to the Town. It did mean a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250) reimbursement from the State. This was merely a matter of bookkeeping and, from the Town's standpoint, good bookkeeping. The same old story is true. Most criticism and jumping at conclusions are based upon lack of knowledge.

### RENTAL OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL.

The rental of the new high school is regulated absolutely by rules adopted by the School Committee covering the community use of this building. These rules have been printed and can be secured at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. As nearly absolute uniformity as possible is maintained under all conditions.

A careful check has been made upon the cost of the operation of the auditorium per hour. It has been found that the lowest charge, two dollars (\$2) per hour, plus janitor and police service, just about covers the cost of operation. A careful check was made upon the light, power, and coal consumption in figuring this cost. The only ones who have the use of the hall at this low charge are those who are putting on something of a particularly charitable nature, such as the Wing Memorial Hospital or the District Nurse Association. The other charges, the lowest of which is four dollars (\$4) per hour, give a fair return.

There is no desire or thought upon the part of the School Committee to make money. They realize the value of this hall and also the gymnasium, and want the

public to have the largest possible use of both at a cost to them which will cover expenses.

The availability of the new high school—its auditorium, gymnasium, and lunch room — for nearly all kinds of occasions has proven to be the greatest community-spirit-producer that Palmer has ever had. Many things now happen which never could have happened without it. The spirit of the entire Town, almost, is entirely changed on many community matters. The Town would get back, even though it made **no charge**, in the way of good spirit, every cent it cost to **operate** the new high school evenings for public functions.

A statement of the rental of the auditorium and gymnasium is here given:—

November 1923, to January, 1925			
	Auditorium	Gymnasium	Total
Treasurer	\$278.50	\$399.15	\$677.65
Janitor	101.50	197.50	299.00
Police	73.00	—	73.00
Total	\$453.00	\$596.65	\$1,049.65

### COST COMPARISON.

The figures below are taken from a bulletin of the State Department of Education, entitled "Statistics of the Public Schools for the School Year 1923-24." In this bulletin, the 355 towns and cities are divided into four (4) groups, as follows:—Group 1, Cities (There are 89); Group II, Towns of 5,000 Population or Over (There are 74.); Group III, Towns of Less than 5,000 Population and Maintaining High Schools (There are 117.); Group IV, Towns of Less than 5,000 Population and Not Maintaining High Schools (There are 125.).

1). Average Population, U. S. Census, 1920:—Group I, 70,820; Group II, 9,505; Group III, 2,198; Group IV, 1,038; State, 10,852; Palmer, 9,896.



2). Average Valuation, April 1, 1923:—Group I, \$114,786,770; Group II, \$13,173,127; Group III, \$3,033,684; Group IV, \$1,349,727; State, \$16,839,866; Palmer, \$11,296,219.

3). Average Number of Pupils Enrolled, 1924:—Group I, 12,281; Group II, 1,898; Group III, 465; Group IV, 194; State, 1,941; Palmer, 2,074.

4). Average Valuation of 1923 per Pupil in Net Average Membership, 1924:—Group I, \$10,168; Group II, \$7,473; Group III, \$7,156; Group IV, \$6,063; State, \$9,250; Palmer, \$5,917.

5). Average Expenditure for School Support from Local Taxation per \$1,000 Valuation, 1923:—Group I, \$7.64; Group II, \$9.18; Group III, \$9.23; Group IV, \$8.98; State, \$8.02; Palmer, \$11.11.

6). Average Expenditure per Pupil in Average Membership for Support of Public Schools from Local Taxation, 1923:—Group I, \$77.69; Group II, \$68.59; Group III, \$66.02; Group IV, \$59.34; State, \$74.22; Palmer, \$65.73.

7). Average State Re-imbursement, 1923:—Group I, \$6.57; Group II, \$7.21; Group III, \$13.86; Group IV, \$24.82; State, \$7.42; Palmer, \$7.04.

8). Average Expenditure per Pupil in Average Membership for Support of Public Schools from All Sources, 1923:—Group I, \$85.13; Group II, \$78.40; Group III, \$82.79; Group IV, \$86.58; State, \$83.65; Palmer, \$77.55.

In these figures a comparison is made in certain factors between the average of each group and that of Palmer. Palmer belongs in Group II. A careful perusal of these averages will show you that Palmer has a population slightly less than that of the average of the State; a valuation about two-thirds (2-3) of the State's average; a school enrollment slightly higher than that of the average of the State; a valuation per pupil



about two-thirds (2-3) of that of the State; an average expenditure for school support from local taxation per one thousand dollars of valuation about three-eighths ( $\frac{3}{8}$ ) more than that of the State's average; an expenditure per pupil in average membership from local taxation of about nine dollars (\$9) less than that of the State; an average expenditure per pupil in average membership from all sources about six dollars (\$6) less than the State's average; a re-imbursement about the same as the average of the State. Practically the only factor in which Palmer exceeds the State average is in expenditure per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of valuation. This is due to the fact that her valuation of \$11,296,219 is smaller than the average throughout the State. The smaller valuation, the larger is the expenditure per one thousand dollars (\$1,000), irrespective of whether the cost per pupil is high or low.

The main factor which reveals the extravagance or economy of a school system is the expenditure per pupil in average membership from all sources. Palmer does not stand high. She is lower than the cities of Group I; the towns of Group II, of which she is a member; the towns of Group III and Group IV; the State. In other words, she is lower in every instance in comparison with these groups and with the State.

The other factor of similar importance is the expenditure per pupil in average membership from local taxation. Again she is lower than the cities of Group I; the towns of Group II, of which she is a member; the towns of Group III; and the State. Group IV only is less. This is easily understood when you glance at the average State re-imbursement and find that Group IV receives a very high average of re-imbursement. In other words, her re-imbursement is more than three times that of Palmer.

As school costs go, in view of the diversity and quality of work done, and in view, further, of the additional expense involved because of Palmer's geographical make-up—four (4) distinct villages several miles apart—no one knows school work and the factors which are controllable and uncontrollable, can possibly say that the Palmer schools are not economically administered. To anyone who does not know conditions and who does not attempt to learn them, no doubt the amount asked for is a large one. In reality, nevertheless, it is not large when the problems confronting the School Department are given due cognizance.

### RECOMMENDATION.

I make this recommendation:—

- 1). That the Town acquire the remaining acreage in the flat upon which the new high school is located as soon as a fair and reasonable price can be secured on the same.

### CONCLUSION.

This report, in Part I, differs somewhat from the reports of the last few years. The difference is a studied one. There are certain facts in this portion which will bear reading and re-reading. If they are read and re-read, certainly direct and beneficial results in the local situation will be obtained. In fact, in my honest opinion, such information is far more valuable than the "gossip" of what has taken place during the previous year. I trust that the purpose will be fully understood.

In Part II, I have briefly given information regarding some of the out-standing features of our school system.

Those in charge of your schools are endeavoring to give honest, conscientious, and good service. They are actuated only, insofar as humanly possible, by a spirit of frankness, fairness, and friendliness.

Due acknowledgement is here given to the School Committee for its strong support and wide latitude; to the teachers for their loyal, active, and co-operative support; to the public for its general fairness and patience.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON H. HOBSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Palmer, Mass., January 8, 1925.

# Appendix

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## GENERAL STATISTICS

### I. Population

Census of 1920,	9,896
School Population, April 1, 1923, 5 to 16 years of age,	2,753
School Population, April 1, 1924, 5 to 16 years of age,	2,823

### II. Pupils

Number of Children in Town, April 1, between:

	1922-1923	1923-1924
Ages 5 and 7,	590	450
Ages 7 and 14,	1,727	1,904
Ages 14 and 16,	436	469
	<hr/> 2,753	<hr/> 2,823
Aggregate Enrolment, September to June,	2,134	2,173
Average Daily Attendance,	1,848.68	1,885.78
Average Number Belonging,	1,933.71	1,959.17
Per Cent of Attendance,	95.60	96.25
Average Number of Pupils per Teacher:		
In High School,	25.54	20.43
In Other Schools,	33.92	33.70

# ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Attendance by Schools

1923—1924

	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Tardiness	Enrolment
High,	250.1	244.2	97.64	20	286
Thorndike Street,	264.45	255.57	97.04	49	304
Park Street,	384.75	362.85	94.31	78	427
Three Rivers Grammar,	168.82	161.63	95.9	23	190
Wenimisset,	100.75	97.03	96.41	20	112
Thorndike Grammar,	249.07	240.71	96.71	19	260
Bondsville Grammar,	381.6	370.49	97.09	27	401
Wire Mill,	104.09	101.2	96.86	23	111
Palmer Center,	28.61	27.94	97.66	39	31
Forest Lake,	26.93	24.16	91.00	4	51
	1,959.17	1,885.78	96.25	302	2,173



## INSURANCE

### I. Total Estimated Value of Buildings and Contents

School	Building	Contents	Total
Palmer High,	\$188,750.00	\$44,100.00	\$232,850.00
Thorndike Street Grammar,	54,540.00	6,550.00	61,090.00
Park Street Grammar,	60,460.00	6,178.00	66,638.00
Thorndike Grammar,	49,388.00	5,423.00	54,811.00
Three Rivers Grammar,	48,384.00	4,662.00	53,046.00
Bondsville Grammar,	55,955.00	6,919.00	62,874.00
Wenimisset,	50,000.00	4,169.00	54,169.00
Wire Mill,	5,500.00	1,131.00	6,631.00
Palmer Center,	1,675.00	487.00	2,162.00
Forest Lake,	1,550.00	381.00	1,931.00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$516,202.00</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>	<b>\$596,202.00</b>

### II. Insurance Upon School Buildings

Palmer High,	\$151,000.00
Thorndike Street Grammar,	43,550.00
Park Street Grammar,	48,400.00
Thorndike Grammar,	39,500.00
Three Rivers Grammar,	38,750.00
Bondsville Grammar,	44,800.00
Wenimisset,	40,000.00
Wire Mill,	4,400.00
Palmer Center,	1,350.00
Forest Lake,	1,250.00
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Total on Buildings,	\$413,000.00
Insurance on Contents,	\$72,000.00
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Total Insurance,	\$485,000.00
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Amount of Insurance,	\$485,000.00
Rate—Five Years,	1.72%
Premium,	\$8,342.00
Average Yearly Premium,	\$1,668.40

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1924.

Account	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
General Expenses,	\$ 9,960.00	\$ 9,022.67	\$ 937.33
Teachers' Salaries,	91,591.50	89,001.04	2,590.46
Textbooks and Supplies,	7,000.00	7,006.93	-6.93
Transportation,	7,200.00	8,204.32	-1,004.32
Janitors' Services,	8,075.00	7,843.57	231.43
Fuel and Light,	13,220.00	14,597.24	-1,377.24
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds,	9,715.00	9,007.41	707.59
Repairs,	3,000.00	3,784.35	-784.35
Music, Manual Training and Drawing,	3,900.00	4,013.83	-113.83
Commercial,	7,800.00	9,659.97	-1,859.97
Furniture and Furnishings,	2,000.00	1,065.69	934.31
Other Expenses,	7,422.08	7,891.72	-469.64
Continuation,	6,355.00	6,394.91	-39.91
Americanization,	2,000.00	1,870.44	129.56
Playgrounds,	2,500.00	2,368.26	131.74
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	\$181,738.58	\$181,732.35	\$ 6.23
Smith-Hughes Fund,	*273.66	*273.66	0.00
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	\$182,012.24	\$182,006.01	\$ 6.23

This \$273.66 is a Federal grant from the Smith-Hughes Fund, which cannot be turned into the Town Treasury, but must be added to the regular school appropriation and expended for Continuation School salaries.

TABLE OF COSTS—EIGHT YEARS COMPARED

	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
General Expenses,	\$3,395.49	\$3,796.43	\$4,264.67	\$5,810.64	\$7,223.33	\$8,670.89	\$9,152.81	\$9,022.67
Teachers' Salaries,	29,193.71	32,668.48	42,830.68	57,474.37	72,072.06	77,859.29	79,233.46	89,001.04
Textbooks and Supplies,	2,441.52	3,485.86	4,075.97	5,356.89	5,889.20	5,951.94	7,014.25	7,006.93
Transportation,	3,156.00	3,478.46	4,341.01	4,925.60	5,708.00	5,997.30	6,862.85	8,204.52
Janitors' Services,	2,615.50	3,196.00	3,708.08	4,424.34	5,566.86	5,618.82	6,667.32	7,843.57
Fuel and Light,	4,784.96	6,567.72	5,131.47	7,274.27	9,516.71	7,579.23	13,347.73	14,597.24
Maintenance Bldgs. and Grounds,	1,646.04	2,122.82	2,381.11	2,103.05	2,475.11	2,340.37	2,253.79	9,007.41
Repairs,	982.53	1,551.09	1,574.07	1,352.58	2,582.29	2,174.94	2,823.70	3,784.35
Music, Man'l Training, Drawing,	2,230.05	1,500.75	2,163.97	3,532.61	3,564.13	3,838.61	3,885.22	4,013.83
Other Expenses,	1,198.37	1,836.26	2,452.72	2,547.73	3,612.41	4,637.93	11,340.92	7,891.72
Furniture and Furnishings,	654.14	474.10	777.19	1,929.80	1,374.97	1,970.72	2,365.85	1,065.69
Rent,		810.00	75.00	308.00	245.00			
Commercial,	3,418.02	3,720.97		5,537.94	7,271.74	9,062.99	9,098.95	9,659.97
Special Heating,			4,312.31		2,100.77		5,551.52	
Bills Payable,				791.28	3,506.94	2,846.65		
Special Alterations at Palmer Grammar School,						1,895.00		
Improvement of Wenimisset Grounds,						20.00		
Total,	\$55,716.33	\$65,208.94	\$78,088.25	\$103,369.10	\$132,709.52	\$140,464.68	\$159,598.37	\$171,098.74

Americanization, Vacation School, Playgrounds, Continuation School,	788.93	61.75	237.38	3,329.33	658.05	1,511.19	1,870.44
	\$56,505.26	\$65,270.69	\$78,088.25	\$103,606.48	\$141,900.00	\$147,735.41	\$167,229.48
							\$182,006.01

Average Membership,	1,791.77	1,868.41	1,972.98	2,144.93	1,984.11	1,945.65	1,959.17
Average Attendance,	1,717.09	1,702.31	1,886.51	2,044.19	1,899.62	1,867.78	1,885.78
Cost per Pupil Based on Average Membership,	\$31.10	\$34.90	\$39.58	\$48.19	\$61.16	\$82.03	\$87.33
Cost per Pupil Based on Average Attendance,	\$32.45	\$38.31	\$41.39	\$50.57	\$63.07	\$85.45	\$90.73

\*This includes Smith-Hughes Fund, \$273.66

## COST PER SCHOOL

	High	T'dike St.	Park Street	Three Rivers
General Expenses,	\$ 242.62	\$ 37.80	\$ 31.76	\$ 33.78
Teachers' Salaries,	18,098.50	9,784.94	12,182.48	8,096.92
Textbooks and Supplies,	3,005.13	673.63	517.34	399.85
Transportation,	3,067.02	1,213.75	1,185.00	269.51
Janitors' Services,	2,637.64	1,164.91	1,100.00	357.75
Fuel and Light,	3,213.09	1,414.97	2,215.23	1,678.29
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds,	1,549.75	1,926.27	1,795.78	164.07
Repairs,	74.24	1,527.97	97.28	111.39
Music, Manual Training and Drawing,	433.25	575.80	504.66	459.73
Commercial,	9,659.97			
Furniture and Furnishings,	710.16	149.10	39.00	
Other Expenses,	2,427.82	2,175.79	421.80	690.75
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Day Schools,	\$45,119.19	\$20,644.93	\$20,090.33	\$12,262.04
Americanization, Continuation, Playgrounds,				
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Total,				
Average Membership,	250.1	264.45	384.75	168.82
Cost per pupil, based on average membership,	\$180.40	\$72.61	\$52.22	\$72.63

In addition, \$273.66, a Federal Grant, was expended on Continuation School.



Wenimisset	Thorndike	Bondsville	Districts	Office	Total
\$ 37.93	\$ 37.09	\$ 43.29	\$ 36.13	\$ 8,522.27	\$ 9,022.67
7,141.74	10,189.91	16,298.79	7,207.76		89,001.04
818.41	521.58	837.66	233.33		7,006.93
664.50	229.01	378.03	1,197.50		8,204.32
358.35	799.92	1,125.00	300.00		7,843.57
1,532.99	2,084.02	1,677.48	781.17		14,597.24
297.89	320.80	2,224.34	728.51		9,007.41
27.35	26.34	1,839.84	79.94		3,784.35
266.43	661.22	712.50	400.24		4,013.83
					9,659.97
84.96	17.55	8.75	56.17		1,065.69
549.10	690.95	703.69	231.82		7,891.72
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\$11,779.65	\$15,578.39	\$25,849.37	\$11,252.57		\$171,098.74
					1,870.44
					6,394.91
					2,368.26
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				\$8,522.27	\$181,732.35
100.75	249.07	381.6	159.63	1,959.17	1,959.17
					9,659.97
\$116.92	\$62.55	\$63.92	\$70.49	\$4.35	\$87.33

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